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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA  
ALEXANDRIA DIVISION

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, : Criminal Action No.  
: 1:18-CR-83  
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versus :  
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PAUL J. MANAFORT, JR., :  
: July 31, 2018  
Defendant. : VOIR DIRE  
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TRANSCRIPT OF JURY TRIAL  
BEFORE THE HONORABLE T.S. ELLIS, III  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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**VOIR DIRE PROCEEDINGS**

(Voir dire proceedings commenced at 10:05 a.m.)

THE COURT: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen. I'm greeting I think many of you for the first time. I greeted some of you last week.

My name is Tim Ellis. I'll be the judge presiding over this case which is styled Paul Manafort, Jr. or United States against Paul Manafort, Jr.

It is in the nature of a criminal case. And therefore I tell you at the outset, it's important that you understand at the outset that the defendant has pled not guilty and therefore must be presumed by you to be innocent of any charges unless and until the jury find otherwise.

Now, I want to take this opportunity at the outset to thank each of you for your service as jurors. Nothing you do, as an American citizen, is any more important than jury service. Together with voting, it is one of the two cardinal duties each of us has as an American citizen and it is vitally important that we fulfill those duties, that obligation.

I've had the occasion to observe the criminal justice systems and the civil justice systems on the continent of Europe and in Latin America, both places of which I've lived. And that experience has confirmed in me the strong view that juries play a vital role in the preservation of our rights and liberties as Americans. That can continue to be

1 the case only as long as citizens are willing to work and to  
2 devote their time conscientiously and diligently to their  
3 service as jurors. For that, we thank you.

4 Now we're going to proceed today with the jury  
5 selection process. Some of that process, has already  
6 occurred, because you have all filled in extensive  
7 questionnaires. And that will, we hope, shorten the process  
8 and enable us to move forward expeditiously.

9 Now, we're going to begin with the calling of the  
10 roll. Now, we are going to use only your numbers, the four  
11 digits at the end, and you will all, I think, have been  
12 forewarned that we're going to use numbers and you all have  
13 written them down. And if there's any confusion about that,  
14 you can raise your hand and we'll see if we can resolve that.

15 But I'm going to have the deputy clerk, Ms. Pham,  
16 now call the roll using numbers. Now, when your number is  
17 called, please stand and remain standing until the next number  
18 is called. And the reason for that is to give the attorneys  
19 an opportunity to match a number with a face, so that they can  
20 see you. And it will help them in some way in exercising  
21 their peremptory challenges.

22 All right. You may proceed.

23 Following this, now once we do the -- the roll, we  
24 will then have you placed under oath and I will ask you a  
25 series of questions, easy to answer questions. Questions

1 designed to enable the Court to determine whether any of you  
2 may be disabled by any rule of law from serving as a juror in  
3 this case.

4 And also, your responses will aid the attorneys in  
5 exercising their peremptory challenges.

6 Yes, sir. The reason for having to move you is we  
7 want all members of the public for the time being seated quite  
8 separately from members of the prospective jury.

9 Does he know there's a courtroom on the 6th floor to  
10 which he can go?

11 THE CSO: Yes.

12 THE COURT: All right. You may proceed to call the  
13 roll by number.

14 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Ladies and gentlemen, as I call  
15 your number, would you please stand, answer "present" and  
16 remain standing until the next number is called.

17 Juror 0003.

18 THE JUROR: Present.

19 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0005.

20 THE JUROR: Present.

21 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0008.

22 THE JUROR: Present.

23 THE COURT: You may be seated once the next name is  
24 called. Thank you, sir.

25 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0009.

1 THE JUROR: Present.

2 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0017.

3 THE JUROR: Present.

4 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0018.

5 THE JUROR: Present.

6 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0029.

7 THE JUROR: Present.

8 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0030.

9 THE JUROR: Present.

10 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0037.

11 THE JUROR: Present.

12 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0039.

13 THE JUROR: Present.

14 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0046.

15 THE JUROR: Present.

16 THE COURT: I'm sorry, I didn't hear you.

17 THE JUROR: Oh, present.

18 THE COURT: Thank you.

19 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0047.

20 THE JUROR: Present.

21 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0048.

22 THE JUROR: Present.

23 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0054.

24 THE JUROR: Present.

25 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0055.

1 THE JUROR: Present.

2 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0058.

3 THE JUROR: Present.

4 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0060.

5 THE JUROR: Present.

6 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0063.

7 THE JUROR: Present.

8 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0072.

9 THE JUROR: Present.

10 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0082.

11 THE JUROR: Present.

12 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0084.

13 THE JUROR: Present.

14 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0085.

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16 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0090.

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18 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0091.

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20 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0094.

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22 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0096.

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24 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0097.

25 THE JUROR: Present.



1 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0104.  
2 THE JUROR: Present.  
3 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0112.  
4 THE JUROR: Present.  
5 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0114.  
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7 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0115.  
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15 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0127.  
16 THE JUROR: Present.  
17 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0132.  
18 THE JUROR: Present.  
19 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0133. Juror 0133.  
20 THE JUROR: Present. I have 0133.  
21 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Thank you.  
22 Juror 0141.  
23 THE JUROR: Present.  
24 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0142.  
25 THE JUROR: Present.

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1 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0143.  
2 THE JUROR: Present.  
3 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0145.  
4 THE JUROR: Present.  
5 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0153.  
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12 THE JUROR: Present.  
13 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0159.  
14 THE JUROR: Present.  
15 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0261.  
16 THE JUROR: Present.  
17 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0265.  
18 THE JUROR: Present.  
19 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0269.  
20 THE JUROR: Present.  
21 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0271.  
22 THE JUROR: Present.  
23 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0275.  
24 THE JUROR: Present.  
25 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0276.

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1 THE JUROR: Present.  
2 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0281.  
3 THE JUROR: Present.  
4 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0284.  
5 THE JUROR: Present.  
6 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0286.  
7 THE JUROR: Present.  
8 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0288.  
9 THE JUROR: Present.  
10 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0291.  
11 THE JUROR: Present.  
12 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0292.  
13 THE JUROR: Present.  
14 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0296.  
15 THE JUROR: Present.  
16 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0297.  
17 THE JUROR: Present.  
18 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0299.  
19 THE JUROR: Present.  
20 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0300.  
21 THE JUROR: Present.  
22 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0302.  
23 THE JUROR: Present.  
24 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0304.  
25 THE JUROR: Present.

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1 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Juror 0310.

2 THE JUROR: Present.

3 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Is there any juror whose number I  
4 have not called?

5 THE COURT: All right. You may administer the oath  
6 to the panel.

7 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Ladies and gentlemen, would you  
8 please stand, raise your right hand and respond by stating "I  
9 shall" after the oath is administered.

10 (Jury panel sworn.)

11 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Thank you. You may be seated.

12 THE COURT: All right. Ladies and gentlemen, I'm  
13 going to begin by giving you a brief thumbnail sketch of the  
14 allegations by the Government in this case.

15 Again, I hasten to instruct you that the indictment  
16 from which I will read portions, is not proof or evidence of  
17 guilt of any kind whatsoever. Rather, it is merely the  
18 Government's formal means of accusing a defendant of a crime.

19 And I also hasten to instruct you, once again, that  
20 the defendant has pled not guilty to these charges. And  
21 therefore, must be presumed by you to be innocent of those  
22 charges unless and until the jury find otherwise.

23 To begin with, there are five charges of failure --  
24 of subscribing to false United States income tax returns.

25 Now, on or about the dates specified below, and I'll

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1 give you those dates in a moment, in the Eastern District of  
2 Virginia and elsewhere, the defendant Paul J. Manafort, Jr.  
3 willfully and knowingly did make and subscribe, and aid and  
4 abet and cause to be made and subscribed, United States  
5 individual income tax return forms 1040 and schedule B for the  
6 tax years set forth below, which returns contained and were  
7 verified by the written declaration of Manafort, that they  
8 were made under penalties of perjury and which returns  
9 Manafort did not believe to be true and correct as to every  
10 material matter. In that the returns, A, claim that Manafort  
11 did not have a financial interest in and signature and other  
12 authority over a financial account in a foreign country, and  
13 B, failed to report income whereas Manafort then and there  
14 well knew and believed that he had a financial interest in and  
15 signature and other authority over bank accounts in foreign --  
16 in a foreign country and had earned total income in excess of  
17 the reported amounts for the year 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, and  
18 2014. Those are the first five counts.

19 Now, the next -- the next four counts or charges  
20 against Mr. Manafort are failure to file reports of foreign  
21 bank and financial accounts. And they read as follows: That  
22 on the filing due dates listed below, and I'll read those  
23 dates, in the Eastern District of Virginia and elsewhere,  
24 defendant Paul J. Manafort, Jr. unlawfully, willfully, and  
25 knowingly did fail to file with the Treasury an FBAR. FBAR is

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1 a short term for failure --

2 Mr. -- Mr. Andres, what is the exact translation?

3 MR. ANDRES: Failure to file a foreign bank account  
4 record.

5 THE COURT: FBAR, failure to file a foreign bank  
6 account report.

7 MR. ANDRES: Report, yes. Thank you.

8 THE COURT: All right. So, beginning again, it says  
9 that on the filing due dates listed below, and I'll read those  
10 to you, in the Eastern District of Virginia, defendant Paul J.  
11 Manafort unlawfully, willfully and knowingly did fail to file  
12 with the Treasury an FBAR report disclosing that he had a  
13 financial interest in and signature and other authority over a  
14 bank, securities and other financial account in a foreign  
15 country which had an aggregate value of more than \$10,000 in a  
16 12-month period during the following years: 2011, 2012, 2013,  
17 and 2014. So those are the next four counts.

18 Finally, there is a group of counts that consist  
19 of a bank fraud and conspiracy to commit bank fraud. There  
20 are -- they come in pairs of two.

21 The first one reads that: On or about -- or on or  
22 about and between December 2015 and March 2016, both dates  
23 being approximate and inclusive, in the Eastern District of  
24 Virginia and elsewhere, defendant Paul J. Manafort did  
25 knowingly and intentionally conspire to execute a scheme and

1     artifice to defraud one or more financial institutions, to  
2     wit, Lender B -- and Lender B will be identified in the course  
3     of the evidence; is that correct, Mr. Andres?

4             MR. ANDRES:   Yes, Judge.

5             THE COURT:   All right.   A particular lender, the  
6     deposits of which were insured by the FDIC, Federal Deposit  
7     Insurance Corporation, and to obtain monies, funds, and  
8     credits owned by and under the custody and control of such  
9     financial institution, by means of materially false and  
10    fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises.   In  
11    violation of sections -- of Title 18, sections 1344, 1349, and  
12    3551.

13            That's an allegation of engaging in a conspiracy to  
14    commit bank fraud.   And that one relates to December 2015 and  
15    March 2016.

16            Now, let me say, I don't expect all of you to have  
17    all of these in mind and to remember all of them.   If you are  
18    selected as a juror, of course, there will be an opening  
19    statement and counsel will have an opportunity to review those  
20    with you.   And at that time, you will have a booklet and be  
21    entitled to take as many or as few notes as you wish.

22            What I'm doing now is simply giving you an overview  
23    of the charges, so that you will have those in mind as you  
24    respond to questions that are asked of you.

25            So as I indicated, there is a series of eight counts

1 or charges. Each one being either a conspiracy to engage in  
2 bank fraud and then the charge of bank fraud itself as a  
3 separate one. So for example, I read to you that there was a  
4 conspiracy to engage in a scheme and artifice to defraud  
5 Lender B, and that was from December 2015 to March 2016. And  
6 then, there is a charge that between those dates that Mr.  
7 Manafort did knowingly and intentionally execute and attempt  
8 to execute a scheme and artifice to defraud Lender B.

9 And each one has an allegation that the deposits of  
10 the lender were insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance  
11 Corporation. And that the scheme and artifice to defraud was  
12 to obtain those funds by means of materially false and  
13 fraudulent pretenses, representations, and promises.

14 The next bank fraud conspiracy and bank fraud -- the  
15 next two charges relate to between March 2016 and May 2016.  
16 And relate to a Lender C, the identity of which will be  
17 revealed in the course of the evidence.

18 And then, there's another one, another pair, between  
19 December 2015 and March 2016. And that's a Lender C -- that's  
20 the same lender as before. Lender C. Then there are two more  
21 relating to Lender B, once again. And the final -- no, not  
22 the final but two more involving Lender D. And the final two  
23 involving also Lender D.

24 Again, I tell you that the indictment from which I  
25 read portions is merely a formal means of accusing a defendant



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1 of a crime. It is not itself evidence of guilt of any kind  
2 whatsoever. And the defendant has pled not guilty, and I tell  
3 you yet once again, that he is presumed to be innocent and  
4 unless and until the jury find otherwise.

5 Now, let me have Mr. Andres, Mr. Asonye and others,  
6 if you'd stand, introduce yourself and any client  
7 representative that you have there to the panel, please.

8 MR. ANDRES: Good morning, Your Honor. Good  
9 morning. Greg Andres for the United States.

10 MR. ASONYE: Good morning. My name is Uzo Asonye  
11 representing the United States.

12 MR. VAN GRACK: Brandon Van Grack on behalf of the  
13 United States.

14 MS. EBADI: Special Agent Sherine Ebadi on behalf of  
15 the United States.

16 MR. BINDER: Evan Binder on behalf of the United  
17 States.

18 THE COURT: All right. Ladies and gentlemen, do you  
19 or any member of your family, so far as you know, know any of  
20 these individuals or have you had any business or social  
21 dealings of any kind whatsoever with any of them?

22 All right. The record will indicate none.

23 Now, these individuals, Mr. Asonye, is a member of  
24 the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of  
25 Virginia. Do you or any member of your family, so far as you

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1 know, know any of the attorneys or employees of the U.S.  
2 Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Virginia or have  
3 you had any business or social dealings with any of them?  
4 Raise your hands, please.

5 All right. The record will reflect none.

6 Now, Mr. Andres and the other individuals who were  
7 introduced to you are all employees of the Department of  
8 Justice. And I want to know whether you or any member of your  
9 family, so far as you know, know any of the employees or  
10 attorneys at the Department of Justice or have you had any  
11 business or social dealings of any kind whatsoever with any of  
12 them?

13 Yes. Would you stand please and give us your  
14 number. Yes, ma'am.

15 THE JUROR: 0269.

16 THE COURT: I'm sorry. Did you say 0269?

17 THE JUROR: Yes, I did.

18 THE COURT: And whom do you know in the Department  
19 of Justice?

20 THE JUROR: I spent two years working in the civil  
21 division of the DOJ, so I know several of those attorneys.  
22 And my goddaughter's mother is an attorney in the tax division  
23 at the DOJ.

24 THE COURT: All right. Well, that's a fairly  
25 thorough recitation.

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1 All right. You worked in the civil division. Were  
2 you an attorney?

3 THE JUROR: No, sir.

4 THE COURT: And what -- what were your duties there?

5 THE JUROR: I supported the office of litigation  
6 support as a trainer and a help desk.

7 THE COURT: All right. I'll ask for hands again.  
8 You don't need to remain standing but I'll come back. You may  
9 be seated.

10 No, I'm not done yet down there. You all may be  
11 seated for now. I'll ask you in a moment.

12 Now, do you feel that your associations with the  
13 civil division would prevent or hinder you in any way from  
14 rendering a fair and an impartial verdict in this case based  
15 only on the evidence presented and the Court's instructions on  
16 the law?

17 THE JUROR: No, sir.

18 THE COURT: Thank you. You may be seated.

19 Now, I saw a few more hands here from people who  
20 were going to tell me that they knew or had business dealings  
21 with people in the Department of Justice. Would you raise  
22 your hands again, please.

23 Oh, my heavens. I'm not going to ask that question  
24 again. Get another flood of hands.

25 All right. Let's begin up here, Mr. Flood, let's

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1 begin here and we'll work our way down.

2 What is your number, sir?

3 THE JUROR: 143.

4 THE COURT: All right. And whom do you know in the  
5 Department of Justice?

6 THE JUROR: I'm a member of an alumni association of  
7 people who study at the University of Cambridge and live in  
8 the D.C. area. And the current president of that organization  
9 I believe works in the Department of Justice.

10 THE COURT: Do you know that person?

11 THE JUROR: Yes, I know him.

12 THE COURT: And have you had dealings or social  
13 dealings with him other than in this Cambridge association?

14 THE JUROR: No.

15 THE COURT: Do you feel that that association would  
16 prevent or hinder you in any way from rendering a fair and an  
17 impartial verdict based only on the evidence and the Court's  
18 instructions on the law?

19 THE JUROR: I do not believe that would hinder.

20 THE COURT: Thank you, sir, you may be seated.

21 Next.

22 THE JUROR: Number 39.

23 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

24 THE JUROR: Yes, sir. I have for the last five or  
25 six years been involved in lita- -- with settlement under

1 spent nuclear fuel. Probably most people are familiar with  
2 the Government --

3 THE COURT: I'm sorry, I'm not being -- I'm not able  
4 to hear you. Would you speak up. Start with your number once  
5 again, please, sir.

6 THE JUROR: 39.

7 THE COURT: All right. 0039. Yes, sir. Go ahead.

8 THE JUROR: Okay. For the last five or six years  
9 I've been a person who has reviewed settlement for the Federal  
10 Government with plaintiffs who sued the Government for failure  
11 to take the spent nuclear fuel from nuclear power plants. In  
12 that capacity I have talked and interacted with various  
13 lawyers from the Department of Justice in that litigation.

14 THE COURT: All right.

15 THE JUROR: No personal, no social contact. Very  
16 little contact really but I did have contact with those  
17 people.

18 THE COURT: And you're an employee of the Department  
19 of Energy?

20 THE JUROR: Yes, sir.

21 THE COURT: And are you an attorney?

22 THE JUROR: No, sir.

23 THE COURT: And do you feel that that work that you  
24 did in approving those settlements with members of the  
25 Department of Justice would hinder or prevent you in any way

1 from listening carefully to the evidence and rendering a fair  
2 and an impartial verdict?

3 THE JUROR: No, sir. It had nothing to do with  
4 this.

5 THE COURT: All right, sir, thank you. You may be  
6 seated.

7 Next.

8 THE JUROR: Number 0292.

9 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am.

10 THE JUROR: Yes. I worked for the Federal  
11 Communications Commission for 31 years as an attorney. I  
12 coordinated with attorneys in the Department of Justice on  
13 particular issues of overlapping jurisdiction, having to do  
14 with interception of radio signals, cellular phones.

15 THE COURT: How many years?

16 THE JUROR: 31 years.

17 THE COURT: You must have joined as a teenager.

18 THE JUROR: Thank you, sir.

19 THE COURT: All right. Do you feel that that  
20 association would prevent or hinder you in any way from  
21 rendering a fair and an impartial verdict in this case based  
22 only on the evidence and the Court's instructions?

23 THE JUROR: No, sir.

24 THE COURT: And are you an attorney?

25 THE JUROR: I am a recovering attorney. I've been

1 retired for seven years.

2 THE COURT: All right. I know the occupation well.  
3 My wife practiced law for 20 years and left, became a high  
4 school English teacher. She's been happy ever since and she  
5 was never happy before.

6 THE JUROR: We have a lot in common.

7 THE COURT: All right.

8 Next.

9 THE JUROR: Hello, Your Honor. Number 0155. I have  
10 two acquaintances that both, I just remembered, work in the  
11 DOJ. Neither are attorneys. I see them on the most maybe two  
12 or three times a year. We work together in a non-profit  
13 organization and have never discussed anything at all relating  
14 to Justice.

15 THE COURT: All right. And do you feel those  
16 associations would in any way prevent or hinder you in any way  
17 from rendering a fair and an impartial verdict in this case --

18 THE JUROR: No, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: -- based only on the evidence and the  
20 Court's instructions?

21 THE JUROR: No, Your Honor.

22 THE COURT: Thank you, you may be seated.

23 Next.

24 THE JUROR: Morning.

25 THE COURT: Good morning.

1 THE JUROR: I am 0058.

2 THE COURT: All right.

3 THE JUROR: I work for a Silicon Valley software  
4 company and various components of DOJ use our software. And  
5 I've viewed a lot of our business development for our civilian  
6 clients.

7 THE COURT: And you are an attorney.

8 THE JUROR: I am.

9 THE COURT: And tell me again --

10 THE JUROR: A recovering attorney as well.

11 THE COURT: I beg --

12 THE JUROR: I'm no longer practicing.

13 THE COURT: All right. Tell me what your duties and  
14 responsibilities are with this software company again.

15 THE JUROR: Yeah, so I coordinate our business  
16 strategy across our civilian business. Our civilian business  
17 includes many of the major federal agencies outside of the  
18 Department of Defense and the intelligence community. And  
19 various components of the Department of Justice utilize that  
20 software for cases, for data integration, data analysis, on  
21 their cases.

22 And in that capacity I have worked with a number of  
23 attorneys at the Department of Justice in various U.S.  
24 Attorney's offices as well as the civil division and the  
25 criminal division. But I am not currently like a contractor



1 or anything for the Department of Justice.

2 THE COURT: And I take it the contact you've had  
3 with attorneys in the Department of Justice has been entirely  
4 professional contact, not social.

5 THE JUROR: Correct.

6 THE COURT: Do you feel that that contact would  
7 prevent or hinder you in any way from rendering a fair and an  
8 impartial verdict in this case based only on the evidence  
9 presented and the Court's instructions on the law?

10 THE JUROR: No, sir.

11 THE COURT: Thank you. You may be seated.

12 Next.

13 THE JUROR: Good morning. 0048. My sister --

14 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am.

15 THE JUROR: My sister works for the Miami DOJ in the  
16 paralegal pool.

17 THE COURT: She works for what agency?

18 THE JUROR: The DOJ of Miami. U.S. District  
19 Attorney's Office.

20 THE COURT: I see. The U.S. Attorney's Office in  
21 Miami.

22 THE JUROR: In Miami.

23 THE COURT: Well, you're correct, they're part of  
24 the Department of Justice. Now, do you feel that that  
25 association would prevent or hinder you in any way from

1 rendering a fair and an impartial verdict in this case based  
2 only on the evidence and the Court's instructions on the law?

3 THE JUROR: I do not.

4 THE COURT: Thank you. You may be seated.

5 Next.

6 THE JUROR: Hi. 0310.

7 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am.

8 THE JUROR: Basically in 1984 to 1986 I worked for  
9 the Department of Justice in the NCJR, National Criminal  
10 Justice Resources.

11 THE COURT: All right. That's some time ago. Do  
12 you feel that experience or --

13 THE JUROR: I do not. It's been a long time ago.

14 THE COURT: I beg your pardon?

15 THE JUROR: I do not. It's been a long time.

16 THE COURT: Yes, but let me complete the question --

17 THE JUROR: Sure.

18 THE COURT: -- for purposes of the record. I know  
19 I'm predictable.

20 THE JUROR: Sorry.

21 THE COURT: My wife says that's one of my only  
22 virtues.

23 Do you feel that that association would prevent or  
24 hinder you in any way from rendering a fair and an impartial  
25 verdict in this case based only on the evidence and the

1 Court's instructions on the law?

2 THE JUROR: No, I do not.

3 THE COURT: Thank you. You may be seated.

4 Next.

5 All right. That completes that.

6 Now, let me ask Mr. -- oh, one more.

7 THE JUROR: 0003. My uncle works in the research --

8 THE COURT: I'm sorry, sir, I can't hear you.

9 THE JUROR: I'm sorry. Is that better, sir?

10 THE COURT: Yes. 0003. And go ahead, sir.

11 THE JUROR: My uncle works for the federal  
12 government in the federal judiciary and he does research for  
13 court cases and for judges.

14 THE COURT: And do you know what area he works in?  
15 Does he work for the Federal Judicial Center?

16 THE JUROR: Yes.

17 THE COURT: All right. Do you feel that that  
18 relationship would prevent or hinder you in any way from  
19 rendering a fair and an impartial verdict in this case based  
20 only on the evidence and the Court's instructions on the law?

21 THE JUROR: No.

22 THE COURT: Thank you, sir. You may be seated.

23 Anyone else?

24 All right. Let's turn now, Mr. Ketcham and Mr.  
25 Zehnle and Mr. Nanavati, all of you are here. You may all

1 stand and introduce yourselves to the jury, please. And you  
2 may introduce your client as well to the jury panel.

3 MR. WESTLING: Good morning, ladies and gentlemen.  
4 My name is Richard Westling. I practice with the law firm of  
5 Epstein, Becker & Green in Washington, D.C. And Mr. Manafort,  
6 our client, is with us here this morning.

7 MR. KETCHAM: My name is Brian Ketcham. I practice  
8 with the law firm of Kostelanetz & Fink. And I'm also here  
9 for Mr. Manafort this morning.

10 MR. DOWNING: Good morning. My name is Kevin  
11 Downing and I practice at the Law Firm of Kevin Downing.

12 MR. ZEHNLE: Good morning. My name is Thomas Zehnle  
13 and I represent Mr. Manafort as well.

14 MR. NANAVATI: My name is Jay Nanavati. I also work  
15 at Kostelanetz & Fink with Brian Ketcham.

16 THE COURT: All right. You may be seated.

17 Ladies and gentlemen, do you or any member of your  
18 family, so far as you know, know any of these individuals or  
19 have you had any business or social dealings of any kind  
20 whatsoever with any of them?

21 And the record will reflect no hands.

22 Now, I missed, to some extent, the two law firms. I  
23 want to inquire whether they know any of the attorneys or  
24 employees of that law firm. So would you tell me what law  
25 firms again.

1 MR. WESTLING: Sure. Epstein, Becker & Green and  
2 Kostelanetz & Fink are the two law firms.

3 THE COURT: All right. Do you or any member of your  
4 family, so far as you know, know any of the attorneys or  
5 employees of those firms or have you had any business or  
6 social dealings of any kind whatsoever with any of them?

7 All right. The record will reflect no hands in that  
8 respect either.

9 All right. Next, I'm going to ask a number of  
10 jurors to come to the bench individually where I will ask some  
11 specific questions stemming from your answers to the  
12 questionnaires. And that will be done up here at the bench in  
13 the relative privacy of bench and counsel.

14 I do that to preserve your privacy as to any  
15 information you may have to provide. And also to prevent any  
16 information that may disable you from serving as a juror from  
17 also disabling others.

18 And this device that I have here to use to mask the  
19 conversations at the bench was first installed nearly 31 years  
20 ago. At my age, one does a lot of reminiscing. The young  
21 person who installed the device in the old courthouse on  
22 Washington Street in the courtroom that I then used, assured  
23 me that this device would sound like waves breaking gently on  
24 some distant tropical romantic beach and that it would serve  
25 to mask the conversations that occur here at the bench.

1 I'll ask you in a few minutes whether it succeeds in  
2 either respect.

3 All right. Let's begin with jurors 281, 288, 154  
4 and 143. Now, you only need to come forward one at a time.  
5 Mr. Flood, the court security officer, will line you up here  
6 at the bench and have you come forward one at a time.

7 Now, counsel may come forward as well.

8 If you can do so, I'd ask that you keep the  
9 population of lawyers to a dull roar, so that we can  
10 accommodate everybody -- everyone here.

11 (Bench Conference.)

12 THE COURT: Yes, let's put the Government here and  
13 the defendant here.

14 Let me tell you that the four that I've called are  
15 four that I thought the Government wanted returned on the  
16 basis of their questionnaires. Two of them anyway. I added  
17 two that seemed to fall in the same category.

18 And essentially what I'm going to ask them is -- I  
19 don't have the questionnaire in front of me which is my  
20 failing. But they expressed a possible bias. And I'm going  
21 to ask them whether they have any bias based on what they've  
22 heard.

23 And when they tell me, I will ask them questions to  
24 ascertain whether they can put that aside and judge the case  
25 fairly and impartially based only on the evidence and the

1 Court's instructions.

2 I will not try to browbeat these people into  
3 something that they have not said. I've done that in the  
4 past, and I'm not sure if I was right in doing so, but I'm  
5 clear that I'm not right in doing so today.

6 I'll ask them questions here at the bench. And then  
7 I'll have them step aside and I'll give you all an opportunity  
8 to suggest to me any additional questions you want me to ask  
9 them on that subject.

10 I do that so that I ask all the questions. In the  
11 30 years plus of doing jury voir dire, I have asked a great  
12 many jurors and they, typically all of them, resent lawyers  
13 asking the questions. But they seem to accept my asking the  
14 questions.

15 So I'll relieve you of getting them to dislike you  
16 and I'll let them focus their views on me.

17 MR. ANDRES: Can we get the numbers?

18 THE COURT: Yes, they're coming.

19 What's the number?

20 THE CSO: 281.

21 (Juror 281 present.)

22 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am. Good morning.

23 THE JUROR: Good morning.

24 THE COURT: In your questionnaire I think you  
25 indicated that you might have a view about this case. Tell --

1 THE JUROR: Based on -- based on media.

2 THE COURT: Yes.

3 THE JUROR: What the media has to say.

4 THE COURT: And what is -- what view have you  
5 formed?

6 THE JUROR: Well, there's a possibility that he  
7 might have done what he's being accused of doing.

8 THE COURT: All right.

9 THE JUROR: It's -- it's -- I'm somewhat jaded,  
10 because of the manner in which this has come forward.

11 THE COURT: What do you mean by that?

12 THE JUROR: Well, as part of Mr. Mueller's  
13 investigation, in that manner. But, I mean innocent until  
14 proven guilty, that's what I say.

15 THE COURT: All right. Are you prepared to put any  
16 opinions that you have to one side --

17 THE JUROR: Absolutely.

18 THE COURT: -- and judge this case fairly and  
19 impartially based only on the evidence and the Court's  
20 instructions?

21 THE JUROR: Yes.

22 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. Would you step  
23 over there about 20 feet or so and I'll see if I need to call  
24 you back.

25 (Juror 281 not present.)



1 THE COURT: Any further questions of her?

2 MR. ASONYE: Your Honor, she made some reference to  
3 the manner of Mr. Mueller's investigation. I'm trying to  
4 understand what she -- what she has formed her opinions about  
5 the Government's investigation about Mr. Manafort, what is she  
6 referring to when she says that.

7 THE COURT: All right. Do you have any further  
8 questions of this person?

9 MR. WESTLING: In her questionnaire, Your Honor, she  
10 said it's likely the defendant was involved and he  
11 participated in the actions, if we could just follow up on  
12 that a little more.

13 THE COURT: Yes. Hang on just a moment. All right.  
14 Which question are you referring to?

15 MR. WESTLING: I believe it's following the media  
16 question. It should be in the middle of the page.

17 MR. ASONYE: Your Honor, the reference to the  
18 Mueller investigation is in 25B, as in boy.

19 THE COURT: Yes, here it is.

20 MR. WESTLING: I think her comments about that are  
21 on the next page.

22 THE COURT: All right.

23 THE DEPUTY CLERK: 281.

24 (Juror 281 present.)

25 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am. I had just a few more

1 questions related to your responses to the form. You  
2 indicated that you said it is likely that defendant was  
3 involved in and/or participated in the actions, events made  
4 public. However, I'm not sure I like the manner in which the  
5 discovery was made, i.e., the Mueller investigation of Russian  
6 interference, collusion.

7 Do you recall that?

8 THE JUROR: Yes.

9 THE COURT: Can you tell me a little bit more about  
10 what you meant by that?

11 THE JUROR: I feel that the Mueller investigation is  
12 dragging on and dragging on. And again, this is all based on  
13 what I read or hear in the media. And I feel at some point  
14 that maybe -- I hate to use this term but for lack of a better  
15 of term, you know, when they say "witch hunt." I just feel,  
16 I'm not sure that it's -- that the investigation has gone  
17 beyond its scope. And so that's my -- that's where I stand.  
18 I'm not sure I like the way in which this situation has come  
19 forth.

20 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. Now, let me ask  
21 you once again. I understand what you've expressed. Do you  
22 think you can put those feelings entirely to one side and  
23 judge this case fairly and impartially based only on the  
24 evidence and the Court's instructions on the law?

25 THE JUROR: I do believe I can based on my personal

1 background.

2 THE COURT: Yes, you've noted that.

3 THE JUROR: I do believe I can.

4 THE COURT: And you think you can be fair to the  
5 defendant and to the Government in this case?

6 THE JUROR: Yes, I believe I can.

7 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. You may return  
8 to your seat.

9 THE JUROR: Thank you.

10 (Juror 281 not present.)

11 THE COURT: All right. Anything further? I think  
12 you have an adequate basis now to exercise your decisions  
13 about whether you'd want to strike that person preemptively.

14 Let me have you come forward. I sort of don't want  
15 you behind me if you don't mind.

16 MR. ASONYE: Your Honor, I think at this time the  
17 Government would --

18 THE COURT: Yes, I'll take motions to strike at the  
19 end, but.

20 MR. ASONYE: All right.

21 THE COURT: Well, let's do it now when it's fresh in  
22 my mind.

23 MR. ASONYE: The Government would move to strike  
24 this witness. She's clearly indicated that she does not like  
25 the circumstances of how the Government's investigation has

1     come about. I know, Your Honor, she did indicate that she  
2     could be fair but there definitely was a large amount of  
3     hesitancy when she thought about it.

4             THE COURT: She also said she thought that he's  
5     probably involved.

6             MR. ASONYE: Correct. The defendant was likely  
7     involved in the actions.

8             THE COURT: Do you oppose or do you join?

9             MR. WESTLING: I think we join, Your Honor.

10            THE COURT: All right. I will have her stricken by  
11     agreement of counsel.

12            MR. WESTLING: Thank you, Your Honor.

13            THE CSO: 154.

14            (Juror 154 present.)

15            THE COURT: Good morning, sir. If you'd stand right  
16     here, please. In your responses to the questionnaire, you  
17     indicated that you had an opinion about or you had formed an  
18     opinion. Do you recall that?

19            THE JUROR: Yes. From some articles that I've read.

20            THE COURT: All right.

21            THE JUROR: Not necessarily formed one, but it  
22     didn't paint a favorable light.

23            THE COURT: Yes. Have you formed any opinion about  
24     this case?

25            THE JUROR: No, I don't think I have.

1 THE COURT: Well --

2 THE JUROR: No, I haven't.

3 THE COURT: We have to be clear about that.

4 THE JUROR: Okay. Okay.

5 THE COURT: Now, do you feel you can put to one side  
6 everything you've read or seen or heard about this case and  
7 judge this case fairly and impartially only on the evidence  
8 you hear in the courtroom and the Court's instructions on the  
9 law?

10 THE JUROR: Yes, yes.

11 THE COURT: All right. Would you step over there  
12 about 20 feet if you would, please, sir.

13 (Juror 154 not present.)

14 THE COURT: Anything further for this person?

15 MR. ASONYE: Yes, Your Honor, we did want to ask him  
16 about, he said I try to keep an open mind but the National  
17 Review exposé gives some doubt as to total innocence. And the  
18 Government had a question about what is it that he read in  
19 this National Review exposé that causes him to have doubt  
20 about his total innocence.

21 THE COURT: What's your view?

22 MR. WESTLING: I think we'd agree with that, Your  
23 Honor. We think it's also important either way just to be  
24 sure that we specifically, if the Court would ask him whether  
25 he can put that out of his mind, that specific article, since

1 he did mention it.

2 THE COURT: All right. Return please.

3 (Juror 154 present.)

4 THE COURT: Sir, you mentioned a specific article  
5 that you had read in the National Review.

6 THE JUROR: Yes.

7 THE COURT: Do you recall what that article was?

8 THE JUROR: It was more or less an exposé on Mr.  
9 Manafort late -- late last year.

10 THE COURT: All right. And did that -- reading that  
11 article cause you to form any opinion at all about this case?

12 THE JUROR: Not on the case, no.

13 THE COURT: And do you feel you can put to one side  
14 what you've read in that article and judge this case fairly  
15 and impartially based only on the evidence and the Court's  
16 instructions on the law?

17 THE JUROR: Yes.

18 THE COURT: Thank you. You may return to your seat.

19 (Juror 154 not present.)

20 THE COURT: All right. I think that's sufficient on  
21 which you can exercise your peremptory. Is there a peremptory  
22 challenge as to him? Is there a challenge for cause is what I  
23 mean.

24 MR. ASONYE: Not from the Government, Your Honor.

25 MR. WESTLING: Your Honor, we would make a challenge

1 for cause. While he is indicating his ability to be fair, the  
2 question didn't indicate that as for keeping doubt in his mind  
3 about total innocence, which obviously is inappropriate at  
4 this point in this proceeding.

5 THE COURT: All right. It comes as a little bit of  
6 a surprise that somebody who reads the National Review -- of  
7 course the National Review hasn't been entirely complimentary  
8 of anybody in this matter, but I'm going to deny the motion to  
9 strike for cause. I don't think there's any basis to  
10 disbelieve his statement to me. I looked him straight in the  
11 eye and he said he could put it to one side. If we begin  
12 getting rid of people because of certain magazines they read,  
13 we have reached a dangerous situation. Then we could only  
14 seat people who didn't read.

15 MR. WESTLING: True.

16 THE CSO: 288.

17 (Juror 288 present.)

18 THE COURT: Good morning, sir.

19 THE JUROR: Good morning.

20 THE COURT: In your questionnaire I believe one of  
21 your responses indicated that you had seen or read or heard  
22 something about this case that maybe caused you to have some  
23 view. Do you recall that?

24 THE JUROR: Not really. I saw it on the news.

25 THE COURT: Right. Have you formed any opinion as

1 to the -- as to the guilt or innocence of the defendant or any  
2 view about this case?

3 THE JUROR: No.

4 THE COURT: Do you feel you can put to one side  
5 anything you may have seen or read or heard and judge this  
6 case fairly and impartially based only on the evidence and the  
7 Court's instructions on the law?

8 THE JUROR: Sure.

9 THE COURT: Any hesitation?

10 THE JUROR: I put some other stuff in there too,  
11 that you're not talking about that.

12 THE COURT: All right. Tell me about that.

13 THE JUROR: I work in sales and I get paid for  
14 selling. If I'm not at work for three to four weeks, I lose a  
15 lot of income.

16 THE COURT: I see. What do you sell?

17 THE JUROR: I'm in construction. I sell materials,  
18 services, labor services.

19 THE COURT: So are you saying that if you had to  
20 serve on the jury for three to four weeks, that that would  
21 have a significant and serious impact?

22 THE JUROR: On my family, yes, sir.

23 THE COURT: Are you self employed?

24 THE JUROR: I'm a salesman for a lumber company but  
25 I work for a company.



1 THE COURT: Are you paid on a commission basis?

2 THE JUROR: Yes, sir.

3 THE COURT: So if you don't sell, you don't earn?

4 THE JUROR: That's correct. I mean I have -- yeah.

5 THE COURT: Well, thank you for calling that to my  
6 attention. Jury service is a sacrifice for everyone.

7 THE JUROR: I've done it before.

8 THE COURT: You may not be selected. If you're not  
9 selected, fine. But if you're selected, I will ask that you  
10 find a way to make arrangements. Thank you, sir.

11 THE JUROR: All right.

12 (Juror 288 not present.)

13 THE COURT: I'm inclined on the Court's own motion  
14 to strike him. Unless there is an objection by either party.  
15 A person who subsists chiefly for himself and his family on  
16 the basis of commissions from sales that he would be unable to  
17 make during the period of the trial, is asked to make a very,  
18 very serious sacrifice. And therefore, he would be resentful.

19 And any objection to striking this juror?

20 MR. ANDRES: No, Judge.

21 MR. WESTLING: None from the defense, Your Honor.

22 THE COURT: All right. 288 is stricken.

23 THE CSO: 143.

24 (Juror 143 present.)

25 THE COURT: Yes, sir, good morning.

1           THE JUROR: Good morning.

2           THE COURT: In your responses to your questionnaire,  
3 you indicated that you had seen or read or heard something  
4 about the case and it had had some impact on you, is that  
5 correct?

6           THE JUROR: I believe that I had indicated that I  
7 had seen something but I don't believe that I -- that I said  
8 that it had impact.

9           THE COURT: All right. What have you seen or read  
10 or heard about the case?

11          THE JUROR: Mostly what I've read was from the basic  
12 Daily News digest, I've read some of the basic stuff about  
13 where the trial was, what the jury selection was. Since I  
14 work in a field where you have to leave your phone in your  
15 car, I actually did some research at some point into how  
16 others got around that problem, and I think at one point that  
17 led me to some of the dealings with this case as well.

18          THE COURT: And how is that?

19          THE JUROR: How is?

20          THE COURT: How is it that your research into how  
21 you get a phone in somewhere --

22          THE JUROR: Because how people deal with keeping  
23 their phone from not running out of their battery when they're  
24 in the car all day.

25          THE COURT: I see.

1           THE JUROR: Because if you're not allowed to take  
2 your phone in the building and your parking is -- and you're  
3 parking in areas that are isolated, that are -- that are  
4 exposed to the elements, and you -- it tends to be pretty bad  
5 on batteries when your phone is in such a place for say eight  
6 hours.

7           THE COURT: Now, do you feel that anything you've  
8 seen or read or heard or know about this case, do you feel you  
9 can put that all to one side and judge this case fairly and  
10 impartially based only on the evidence and the Court's  
11 instructions?

12           THE JUROR: I do believe so.

13           THE COURT: All right. Would you step over there  
14 about 20 feet, please.

15           (Juror 143 not present.)

16           THE COURT: Any further questions on behalf of the  
17 Government?

18           MR. ANDRES: I'm not sure that he understood the  
19 questions or answered them responsively. So to the extent  
20 there is another question to ask but --

21           THE COURT: Well, that comment is a comment that  
22 might influence your decision on whether you strike him  
23 preemptively. It doesn't really indicate any bias. But I saw  
24 him and I saw what you observed as well.

25           Are there any further questions at this time?

1 MR. ASONYE: Not from the Government.

2 THE COURT: All right.

3 MR. WESTLING: Your Honor, I don't have any further  
4 questions on the issue of bias. I will note that Juror 143  
5 indicated on his questionnaire that he had a borderline  
6 auditory processing disorder that makes it very difficult for  
7 him to learn some auditory information. I don't know if we  
8 should bring that up now but it seems to me that that may --

9 THE COURT: Well, let me ask this: Does either side  
10 object to my striking him?

11 MR. WESTLING: No, Your Honor.

12 MR. ANDRES: No, Judge.

13 THE COURT: All right. He is stricken. That's 143.  
14 Thank you. You may return to your seat.

15 (Juror 143 not present.)

16 THE COURT: All right. That's that group of jurors.  
17 I'm now going to proceed to a group of jurors that has to do  
18 with their vacation and other plans. We'll get that resolved.

19 (Open court.)

20 THE COURT: All right. Ladies and gentlemen, I have  
21 some additional questions, but let me inquire. How many of  
22 you were able to recognize that that sound is like waves  
23 breaking gently? Did it? How many of you don't believe it  
24 does sound like waves?

25 All right. I'm glad to see that so many of you are

1 so familiar with that sound that you can make that instant  
2 judgment. It's been so long since I've heard it, I doubt I  
3 would know the difference.

4 But in any event, did it mask the conversations here  
5 at the bench?

6 THE JURORS: Yes.

7 THE COURT: Good. All right. We'll proceed now.  
8 I'm going to ask you a series of questions individually here  
9 at the bench, and these turn on your indications in your  
10 questionnaires about obligations, vacations and the like.

11 Let me have the following: 286, 300, 275, 291, 127,  
12 153, 133, 60, 84, 97, 48, 94, and 121.

13 Now, you don't have to remember all those numbers.  
14 You all don't have to stand there. You can go sit down and  
15 I'll call out the numbers as I need you.

16 But the first gentleman, are you 286?

17 THE JUROR: Yes, Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: All right. We'll start with you then  
19 please, sir. And I'll call -- Mr. Flood, I'll call the other  
20 numbers out as we need them.

21 All right. Let's have the device on again. Go back  
22 to the bench.

23 (Bench Conference.)

24 (Juror 286 present.)

25 THE JUROR: Good morning.

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1 THE COURT: Good morning, sir. You're an attorney?

2 THE JUROR: Yes, I am.

3 THE COURT: If you could come forward a little bit  
4 more. What is the nature of your practice?

5 THE JUROR: I'm a real estate attorney, specifically  
6 dealing in zoning and land use. So I represent clients in --  
7 zoning specialists in land use and town processes.

8 THE COURT: Have you ever had any training in  
9 criminal law other than that which you received in law school?

10 THE JUROR: None whatsoever.

11 THE COURT: And in fact, I could answer that  
12 question even including, because they don't do much in law  
13 school --

14 THE JUROR: Not much.

15 THE COURT: -- on criminal law.

16 THE JUROR: Criminal procedure and criminal law,  
17 that was about it.

18 THE COURT: That's correct. And have you ever  
19 represented a defendant in a criminal case?

20 THE JUROR: No.

21 THE COURT: Now, you have indicated in here that you  
22 have some obligations in August.

23 THE JUROR: I do.

24 THE COURT: Can you tell me about that?

25 THE JUROR: I actually have a public hearing this

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1 afternoon in Fairfax County. I have made alternate  
2 arrangements to have somebody else represent the client there  
3 but it's kind of an ongoing basis I have meetings with local  
4 government officials, county and city staff, so on and so  
5 forth.

6 I'll say that it's nothing that's life or death.  
7 There's no such thing as a zoning emergency. So nothing  
8 that's truly 100 percent exigent, but I'd be remiss if I  
9 didn't answer the question that I do have those obligations on  
10 an ongoing basis.

11 THE COURT: I will remember what you just said in  
12 the next zoning case I have where I can say that I've had it  
13 authoritatively represented to me that there's no such thing  
14 as a zoning emergency.

15 THE JUROR: I try to tell that to my clients. It  
16 doesn't always work.

17 THE COURT: All right. Well, of course, jury  
18 service imposes a significant inconvenience on everyone. You  
19 may not be selected, but if you are, I will ask that you make  
20 other arrangements.

21 Do you have any other problems in August?

22 THE JUROR: One other thing. And again, I would be  
23 remiss and my wife would give it to me if I didn't mention it.  
24 We do have our anniversary coming up next weekend and we  
25 planned to spend a long weekend in Cape Charles, Virginia,

1 Saturday through Monday. But again, if absolutely necessary,  
2 I'd probably make it work.

3 THE COURT: Thank you. Step over there if you would  
4 please about 20 feet.

5 (Juror 286 not present.)

6 THE COURT: Anything further to ask?

7 MR. ASONYE: No, Judge.

8 MR. WESTLING: On a different topic, but I do note  
9 in his questionnaire he said his opinion was not final but the  
10 allegations against Mr. Manafort are somewhat founded, and  
11 that he could probably be fair and impartial. If the Court  
12 would be willing to explore that with him.

13 THE COURT: All right. Any objections to that?

14 MR. ANDRES: No, objection, Your Honor.

15 (Juror 286 present.)

16 THE COURT: Yes, sir. In your responses you've  
17 indicated that -- that the evidence seemed to be significant  
18 against Mr. Manafort. Do you recall that?

19 THE JUROR: I do. I will say that, you know, up  
20 until last week I had been reading occasional articles, things  
21 like that. Truth be told, I don't follow the news all that  
22 closely, but this has received a lot of attention so I have  
23 been reading about it. But, after filling out the  
24 questionnaire last week I put the blinders on. I haven't read  
25 anything else. I haven't watched the news or anything like



1 that, but I don't think you can read an article these days or  
2 watch anything on TV without having at least formed an opinion  
3 somewhat, so.

4 THE COURT: Have you formed any opinion at all about  
5 this case?

6 THE JUROR: Other than, again, based upon what I've  
7 read, it seems like there is some compelling evidence out  
8 there. I haven't heard formal evidence obviously. The  
9 Government has not introduced anything. Other than the short  
10 articles I read online, I haven't read a whole lot into this  
11 matter. But, you know, I -- I did want to at least mention  
12 that it does seem there is some compelling evidence in this  
13 case.

14 THE COURT: Do you feel you can put your feelings  
15 that there is some compelling evidence in this case to one  
16 side?

17 THE JUROR: I do.

18 THE COURT: Do you feel you can judge this case  
19 fairly and impartially based only on the evidence you see and  
20 hear presented here, not on anything you may have read?

21 THE JUROR: I do. I do think that as an attorney I  
22 think that I respect the justice system of the United States  
23 to the point that I could adequately put my feelings aside,  
24 personal biases aside, to the extent I have any, and do it  
25 effectively .

1 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. You may step  
2 down there for just a moment.

3 (Juror 286 not present.)

4 THE COURT: Anything further?

5 MR. WESTLING: No, Your Honor.

6 MR. ANDRES: No, Judge.

7 THE LAW CLERK: He had child care obligations.

8 THE COURT: Okay.

9 (Juror 286 present.)

10 THE COURT: I'm reminded that you also noted child  
11 care responsibilities. What are they?

12 THE JUROR: So I have a 14-month-old son at home and  
13 my wife and I kind of divvy up the day care pickup. And  
14 evening care duty, I try to do it once or twice a week. She  
15 does it the remainder of the week. So again, if need be, we  
16 can work something out for a couple of weeks. I've already  
17 talked to my wife a little bit about it and said if there's a  
18 chance I'm on this jury, we could probably work something out.

19 THE COURT: All right. You may not be selected. If  
20 you are not selected, of course, that's fine. But if you are,  
21 I will ask that you make other arrangements.

22 THE JUROR: I'm confident that I'll be able to do  
23 that.

24 THE COURT: Thank you. You may return to your seat.

25 THE JUROR: Thank you, Your Honor.

1 (Juror 286 not present.)

2 THE COURT: All right. Any motions to strike this  
3 particular person for cause on the basis of what you've heard?

4 MR. ANDRES: Not from the Government.

5 MR. WESTLING: I would only make one on behalf of  
6 his wife. I want to make sure he goes on that anniversary  
7 trip.

8 THE COURT: 0300. What is it? Oh, yes. Yes, sir,  
9 come forward.

10 (Juror 300 present.)

11 THE COURT: Good morning.

12 THE JUROR: Good morning.

13 THE COURT: Now, you have vacation plans with your  
14 children during August?

15 THE JUROR: Yes.

16 THE COURT: When?

17 THE JUROR: August 9th.

18 THE COURT: And for how long?

19 THE JUROR: I drop them off there. They visit my  
20 family in Jersey. I bring them up there.

21 THE COURT: All right. Do you stay up there?

22 THE JUROR: I can. Usually for a week.

23 THE COURT: All right. And so if you are selected  
24 to serve as a juror, of course, the case would last beyond  
25 August 9th. Would that present any inconvenience to you?

1 THE WITNESS: No. I would just leave them up there  
2 with my family.

3 THE COURT: All right. Thank you, sir. Would you  
4 step right over there, please.

5 (Juror 300 not present.)

6 THE COURT: Any further questions of this particular  
7 juror on behalf of the Government?

8 MR. ANDRES: Judge, he did also indicate in question  
9 25D that he had read the information and he said he tends not  
10 to make a decision based on the media.

11 THE COURT: And he said he can't remember what he  
12 read.

13 MR. ANDRES: I'd just be interested to know what  
14 specifically he read and to ask him about that.

15 THE COURT: What's your view? Anything further?

16 MR. WESTLING: I don't have anything further, Your  
17 Honor.

18 (Juror 300 present.)

19 THE COURT: It indicates here, sir, in your response  
20 that you read something but you can't remember what you read  
21 about the case.

22 THE JUROR: Sure.

23 THE COURT: Do you remember it now?

24 THE JUROR: No, not at all. I listen to the radio  
25 when I go to work and when I come home, and I hear all sorts

1 of things. To be honest, it's all a blur right now.

2 THE COURT: Yes. I listen to books on tape. And I  
3 find that's the best thing to listen to.

4 THE JUROR: I listen to sports and news on the radio  
5 but maybe I should do that instead.

6 THE COURT: All right. Do you feel you can put to  
7 one side anything you may have read and judge this case fairly  
8 and impartially based only on the evidence and the Court's  
9 instructions on the law?

10 THE JUROR: The only thing I can remember is the  
11 name being mentioned on the radio. So that's -- so I can,  
12 yes.

13 THE COURT: Thank you. You may return to your seat,  
14 sir.

15 (Juror 300 not present.)

16 THE COURT: Any reason to move to strike?

17 MR. ANDRES: Not at this time, Judge.

18 MR. WESTLING: No, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: There isn't going to be another time.

20 MR. ANDRES: No, understood, Judge.

21 THE COURT: Right. 275.

22 (Juror 275 present.)

23 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am. You indicated -- come  
24 forward, please. You indicated that you had vacation plans?

25 THE JUROR: No. It's a business trip.

1 THE COURT: And when is it?

2 THE JUROR: It's August 15th and 16th. In  
3 Minneapolis. I'm teaching a class on actually contract  
4 negotiations.

5 THE COURT: All right. And are you an attorney?

6 THE JUROR: I am not.

7 THE COURT: And -- but you obviously are an expert  
8 or have experience in contract negotiation.

9 THE JUROR: I do events for a living, so we do 120  
10 contracts a year.

11 THE COURT: And is this event already set, been  
12 contracted?

13 THE JUROR: Yes, sir.

14 THE COURT: And is your name already in a program?

15 THE JUROR: I don't think the program has been  
16 distributed, but I'm on as one of the facilitators.

17 THE COURT: All right. If you're selected to serve  
18 as a juror, could you make alternate arrangements?

19 THE JUROR: The difficulty would be I wrote the  
20 curriculum, so I'd have to, over the course of the next two  
21 weeks, bring somebody up to speed on the curriculum.

22 THE COURT: All right. Would you step over there  
23 about 20 feet, please.

24 THE JUROR: Yes.

25 (Juror 275 not present.)

1 THE COURT: Anything further for this particular  
2 person?

3 MR. ANDRES: No, Judge.

4 MR. WESTLING: No, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: All right. What's your view on whether  
6 she should be stricken?

7 MR. ANDRES: Judge, just based on what she  
8 represented with respect to other people and things, she can't  
9 be replaced, we move to strike.

10 MR. WESTLING: Your Honor, we think that the  
11 situation sounds like she's written a book she's going to be  
12 teaching from. So I think she'd have her mind elsewhere.

13 THE COURT: Well, I'm not going to strike her unless  
14 both sides agree.

15 MR. ASONYE: No, we're fine, Your Honor.

16 THE COURT: So you would resist.

17 MR. ASONYE: We will -- we object to striking her.

18 THE COURT: All right. So she will not be stricken.  
19 You may return to your seat.

20 291.

21 (Juror 291 present.)

22 THE COURT: Yes, sir, come forward if you would,  
23 please and stand there.

24 I'm looking. I thought you had indicated you had  
25 seen or read or heard or knew about this case from any source

1 whatever. Have you?

2 THE JUROR: No. I haven't. I think I wrote -- I  
3 think I wrote no.

4 THE COURT: Yes. I think you said that you read  
5 stuff shared on Facebook. What was that?

6 THE JUROR: Oh, I read -- let me think. I read the  
7 name but I don't really -- I don't even remember what it was  
8 about actually.

9 THE COURT: All right. Do you feel you can put to  
10 one side anything you may have read or seen about this case  
11 and judge it -- judge this case fairly and impartially based  
12 only on the evidence and the Court's instructions?

13 THE JUROR: Yes. Yeah, I can do that.

14 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. Would you stand  
15 over there, please.

16 (Juror 291 not present.)

17 THE COURT: Do you have anything further for this  
18 individual?

19 MR. ASONYE: Your Honor, he said that he was a full  
20 time student and we have a question about when school starts.

21 MR. WESTLING: He also indicated, Your Honor, that  
22 he's a laborer and would be missing three weeks of income.  
23 Oh, I'm sorry, I may be reading the wrong chart, so I  
24 apologize. Strike that.

25 MR. ASONYE: He had a DUI, if you can ask about that



1 experience and experience with law enforcement.

2 THE COURT: All right.

3 (Juror 291 present.)

4 THE COURT: Are you a full time student?

5 THE JUROR: Yeah.

6 THE COURT: Where?

7 THE JUROR: NOVA.

8 THE COURT: And what do you study?

9 THE JUROR: Computer science.

10 THE COURT: When did you start?

11 THE JUROR: I'm going to summer school right now but  
12 I'll be starting, when is it? Whenever the -- whenever the  
13 fall semester starts for the next upcoming semester. But I  
14 take night classes because I work full time also.

15 THE COURT: So you're currently attending night  
16 school in addition to working during the day.

17 THE JUROR: Yes.

18 THE COURT: And if you were selected to serve as a  
19 juror, would you continue going to night school?

20 THE JUROR: Yeah.

21 THE COURT: When do you start or finish night school  
22 and start regular school?

23 THE JUROR: Well, I'm always doing night school  
24 because that's how my work schedule works. So I've been doing  
25 night school for like a year now.

1 THE COURT: And where do you work now?

2 THE JUROR: A natural gas company called  
3 InfraSource.

4 THE COURT: And what do you do there?

5 THE JUROR: I'm a laborer.

6 THE COURT: All right. Let me ask again, do you  
7 feel you can put to one side anything you may have seen or  
8 read or heard about this case to one side and judge it only on  
9 the basis of what you see and hear presented in the courtroom?

10 THE JUROR: Yes. Yeah.

11 THE COURT: All right, sir. What was the other  
12 matter? Yes.

13 You indicated in your form that you had been charged  
14 with DUI.

15 THE JUROR: Yeah.

16 THE COURT: What was the outcome?

17 THE JUROR: I just took a -- they dropped the  
18 charges and I got a reckless driving.

19 THE COURT: Do you feel that you were treated fairly  
20 by the criminal justice system?

21 THE JUROR: Yeah.

22 THE COURT: Do you understand that matter has  
23 nothing to do with this case?

24 THE JUROR: Yeah, yeah.

25 THE COURT: Do you feel you can put your feelings

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1 about that case to one side and judge this case fairly and  
2 impartially?

3 THE JUROR: Umm-hmm. Yeah.

4 THE COURT: You may return to your seat.

5 (Juror 291 not present.)

6 THE COURT: 127.

7 MR. ASONYE: Your Honor, I think the Government  
8 would have a motion to strike that juror given his schedule.

9 THE COURT: Just a minute.

10 Any objection to it?

11 MR. WESTLING: No, Your Honor.

12 THE COURT: All right. He's stricken.

13 What's the number?

14 MR. ASONYE: 291.

15 THE COURT: 291.

16 (Juror 127 present.)

17 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am. Good morning.

18 THE JUROR: Good morning.

19 THE COURT: You had plans in August?

20 THE JUROR: I'm going back to school August 22nd.

21 THE COURT: And what do you study and where?

22 THE JUROR: Nursing at the Alexandria campus,  
23 Northern Virginia Community College.

24 THE COURT: I see. So are you currently doing that  
25 too?

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1 THE JUROR: Right now?

2 THE COURT: Yes.

3 THE JUROR: No. Not until August 22nd.

4 THE COURT: All right.

5 THE JUROR: And then --

6 THE COURT: And you're a full time student as a --

7 THE JUROR: Yes. This semester, yes.

8 THE COURT: And you're trying to become an RN?

9 THE JUROR: Yes, correct.

10 THE COURT: All right. You may not be selected and  
11 if you're not, of course, that's all right. You can then  
12 proceed. But if you're selected, I may ask you to make other  
13 arrangements. Do you understand that?

14 THE JUROR: Yes.

15 THE COURT: Thank you. Stand over there if you  
16 would, please.

17 (Juror 127 not present.)

18 THE COURT: Any objection to striking her?

19 MR. ASONYE: I think we would object. I think Your  
20 Honor has scheduled to do this for three weeks. She doesn't  
21 start school until August 22nd. We should be done.

22 THE COURT: All right. Any problem with that?

23 MR. WESTLING: We have no objection with that.

24 THE COURT: All right. Then she's not stricken.

25 THE DEPUTY CLERK: 127?

1 THE COURT: 127 is not stricken.

2 153.

3 Yes, ma'am, if you'd come up here just a minute.

4 (Juror 153 present.)

5 THE COURT: You've indicated that if you're selected  
6 that would present a financial hardship for you, is that  
7 right?

8 THE JUROR: Yes.

9 THE COURT: You say you wouldn't be able to pay your  
10 rent.

11 THE JUROR: I'm close right now. I'm moving  
12 apartments so I was worried. I move with my girlfriend on the  
13 4th. So it's about the deposit and figuring that out, but I  
14 know if I'm selected for jury duty I'd be paid everyday. So I  
15 guess it wouldn't be an issue.

16 THE COURT: No. I think it might be an issue.

17 THE JUROR: Okay. All right.

18 THE COURT: You aren't really paid very much  
19 everyday.

20 THE JUROR: Okay.

21 THE COURT: So it is an issue. Can you make other  
22 arrangements?

23 THE JUROR: We've already put the deposit down, so  
24 it's kind of cemented that it's August 4th that it's  
25 happening.

1 THE COURT: Are you currently employed?

2 THE JUROR: Yes, I am. So is she.

3 THE COURT: What do you do?

4 THE JUROR: I work part-time in downtown  
5 Fredericksburg in a local bookstore and my girlfriend is a  
6 dental assistant full-time.

7 THE COURT: All right. Would you stand over there a  
8 little ways, please.

9 (Juror 153 not present.)

10 THE COURT: Any further questions of this person?

11 (No audible response.)

12 THE COURT: All right. None from the Government.  
13 How about for the defendant?

14 MR. WESTLING: She did indicate in her  
15 questionnaire, Your Honor, that she has formed an opinion as  
16 to guilt or innocence, but I'm not even sure what that was.  
17 It seemed like she believed the evidence that shows Mr.  
18 Manafort is guilty. So I'd like to inquire about that.

19 THE COURT: All right. Anything else?

20 MR. WESTLING: No, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: We can shorten this, is there any  
22 objection to striking her?

23 MR. ASONYE: I think the Government would object,  
24 Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: All right. Let's have her come back.

1 (Juror 153 present.)

2 THE COURT: You indicated in your responses that you  
3 have formed an opinion.

4 THE JUROR: Yes.

5 THE COURT: What is the opinion you formed?

6 THE JUROR: Meaning like a guilty/not guilty kind of  
7 thing?

8 THE COURT: Yes.

9 THE JUROR: I -- I think what I wrote is kind of  
10 more set in stone in what I believe. And I know that I'm not  
11 the most informed person on everything possible, but I do  
12 think I've listened to enough and I've read enough that I kind  
13 of do think the verdict would become guilty. But I -- I'm  
14 unsure. I think I need more information to make a more  
15 educated --

16 THE COURT: So have you read a good deal about the  
17 case?

18 THE JUROR: I've listened to podcasts and read  
19 articles. So kind of, yes.

20 THE COURT: Do you feel you can put all of that to  
21 one side and judge this case fairly and impartially?

22 THE JUROR: No, I can judge it fair and impartially.  
23 I can move that aside, yes.

24 THE COURT: All right. Would you stand over there  
25 please.

1 (Juror 153 not present.)

2 THE COURT: Anything further?

3 MR. ANDRES: Not from the Government.

4 MR. WESTLING: No further questions, Your Honor. We  
5 would challenge for cause.

6 THE COURT: All right. What's your view about  
7 cause?

8 MR. ANDRES: Judge, you asked her if she could put  
9 things aside and she said she could, so she answered the basic  
10 question.

11 MR. WESTLING: Your Honor, I think first she was  
12 somewhat equivocal in her answers. In addition, she has this  
13 problem with regard to her rent and her working, and it seems  
14 to me that combined makes it a strong case that she should be  
15 excused for cause.

16 MR. ASONYE: Your Honor, she's already put the  
17 deposit down.

18 THE COURT: I haven't gone back to you.

19 MR. ASONYE: Oh, sorry.

20 THE COURT: Return, please.

21 (Juror 153 present.)

22 THE COURT: Let me ask you once again, because I  
23 need to be clear about it.

24 THE JUROR: Okay.

25 THE COURT: You've said that you've read a good deal



1 about this case.

2 THE JUROR: Yes.

3 THE COURT: And I think you indicated that you  
4 were -- have you formed any opinion at all?

5 THE JUROR: Yes. I formed an opinion but it's  
6 not -- but, yes, I've formed an opinion.

7 THE COURT: And what is that opinion?

8 THE JUROR: I believe he's guilty.

9 THE COURT: And then I asked you whether you could  
10 put that aside and judge this case fairly and impartially  
11 based only on the evidence and the Court's instructions on the  
12 law.

13 THE JUROR: Yes.

14 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. You may return  
15 to your seat.

16 THE JUROR: Thank you.

17 (Juror 153 not present.)

18 THE COURT: I'll grant the motion to strike. She  
19 said she's clearly reached an opinion that he's guilty. I  
20 asked her whether she can put it to one side. She said she  
21 can. I don't believe it. It's human nature.

22 133.

23 So much for having questionnaires.

24 Just a moment, please. Just a moment.

25 Let me be clear. When I said I don't believe her, I

1 believe that she is sincere in her belief that she could do  
2 it. But human nature being what it is, I think that having  
3 said that she's formed an opinion that he's guilty and she  
4 says she can put it aside, that will invariably affect what  
5 she does.

6 But I want to make it clear, it's not that I don't  
7 believe her when she said she can put it to one side or that  
8 she would put it to one side. I don't believe that it's  
9 humanly possible in the circumstances.

10 I looked her in the eye when she said she thought he  
11 was guilty and it was a fairly firm statement. I'm fairly  
12 sure that if she had looked me in the eye and said he was not  
13 guilty, that I would be hearing from you what I'm hearing over  
14 here.

15 (Juror 133 present.)

16 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am. You said in your  
17 questionnaire that you had some difficulty with August?

18 THE JUROR: In August?

19 THE COURT: August.

20 THE JUROR: I don't remember that. Which question  
21 was that? Oh, in August, I'm traveling and dropping my son to  
22 Florida.

23 THE COURT: Ah. When in August are you doing that?

24 THE JUROR: August 16th to 22nd.

25 THE COURT: And where do you have to drop your son

1 off?

2 THE JUROR: Near Tampa in Sarasota, IMG Academy.

3 THE COURT: All right. And if you're selected as a  
4 juror in this case, could you make alternate arrangements to  
5 have your son dropped off?

6 THE JUROR: My husband can do that.

7 THE COURT: So if you're selected, you could serve  
8 then and make other arrangements?

9 THE JUROR: I believe so.

10 THE COURT: Thank you. You may return to your seat.

11 (Juror 133 not present.)

12 THE COURT: Sixty.

13 MR. ASONYE: Your Honor, we had one other question  
14 for the Court.

15 THE COURT: Yes.

16 MR. ASONYE: I believe this juror said she can't be  
17 impartial due to stress and anxiety.

18 THE COURT: All right. Just a moment. Let me have  
19 133 back again, please.

20 (Juror 133 present.)

21 THE COURT: Yes. You had indicated in your  
22 questionnaire that this case would place you under great  
23 stress, is that right?

24 THE JUROR: Actually from January I'm going through  
25 some stress with management, so that's why I put it there, at

1 my work.

2 THE COURT: All right. Have you formed any opinion  
3 about this case?

4 THE JUROR: No.

5 THE COURT: Do you feel you could be fair and  
6 impartial both to the Government and the defendant?

7 THE JUROR: Yes.

8 THE COURT: So again, the stress that you've  
9 indicated in your questionnaire is stress that originates from  
10 your employment?

11 THE JUROR: Yes.

12 THE COURT: And I think the only thing I see in your  
13 questionnaire that would interfere with your service in August  
14 is that you have to drop your son off at an academy in Tampa.

15 THE JUROR: Yes.

16 THE COURT: What is IMG?

17 THE JUROR: Oh, IMG is -- I think it's a private  
18 academy boarding school. My son plays basketball, so he's  
19 going over there for one year. Like basically they will prep  
20 him for --

21 THE COURT: All right. So he's a pretty good  
22 basketball player.

23 THE JUROR: Yeah. His plan is to go to NBA if he  
24 make it.

25 THE COURT: Is he tall?

1 THE JUROR: Yes. He's 6'4".

2 THE COURT: That's good. All right. If you are  
3 selected, do you think you can -- you can handle listening  
4 carefully to the evidence as it's presented and rendering a  
5 fair and an impartial verdict in this case based only on the  
6 evidence and the Court's instructions?

7 THE JUROR: Yes.

8 THE COURT: Thank you. You may return to your seat.  
9 (Juror 133 not present.)

10 THE COURT: Any reason to strike her for cause?

11 MR. ANDRES: No, Judge.

12 MR. WESTLING: No, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: Sixty.

14 (Juror 60 present.)

15 THE COURT: Good morning, sir.

16 THE JUROR: Good morning.

17 THE COURT: You indicated in your questionnaire that  
18 you had plans for August, is that right?

19 THE JUROR: Well, I'm a teacher, a physical  
20 education teacher in Loudoun. We go back to school August  
21 15th as employees, and that's when we have training and stuff  
22 that we do for the next weeks after that. And then I've got a  
23 CPR certification I think coming up for some things. So we've  
24 been off all summer but we go back on the 15th and that's  
25 pretty important for going back to school.

1 THE COURT: All right. Apart from your teaching  
2 obligations, is there any other reason why you would be unable  
3 to sit as a fair and impartial juror in this case?

4 THE JUROR: No, sir.

5 THE COURT: All right. Would you stand over there  
6 just a moment, please.

7 (Juror 60 not present.)

8 THE COURT: Anything further from this person?

9 MR. ANDRES: No, Judge.

10 MR. WESTLING: No, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: All right. You may return to your seat,  
12 thank you.

13 84.

14 (Juror 84 present.)

15 THE COURT: Good morning.

16 THE JUROR: Good morning.

17 THE COURT: Would you step up here, please.

18 You say in response to your questionnaire that you  
19 have a vacation starting on August 17th.

20 THE JUROR: Actually the 16th.

21 THE COURT: 16th.

22 THE JUROR: Yes.

23 THE COURT: I hope you're going somewhere sunny.

24 THE JUROR: No. Seattle.

25 THE COURT: Seattle.

1 THE JUROR: Could be sunny.

2 THE COURT: Well, if you drive west -- east about  
3 100 miles, you'll see sun. How long is the vacation?

4 THE JUROR: Until the 20th, which is Monday.

5 THE COURT: Is this a family vacation?

6 THE JUROR: My daughter.

7 THE COURT: And I take it travel arrangements have  
8 already been made?

9 THE JUROR: I've already booked the flight.

10 THE COURT: All right. Would you stand over there a  
11 little bit, please.

12 (Juror 84 not present.)

13 THE COURT: Any reason not to excuse her?

14 MR. ANDRES: No, Judge.

15 MR. WESTLING: No objection.

16 THE COURT: She's excused. 84.

17 You may return to your seat.

18 48.

19 (Juror 48 present.)

20 THE COURT: Good morning. Would you step up here,  
21 please.

22 And did you have any vacation or other plans for  
23 August that might interfere with your sitting?

24 THE JUROR: I don't have vacation. I'm worried  
25 about work but I don't have vacation.

1 THE COURT: Does it interfere with your work?

2 THE JUROR: I have a new client and I'm the senior  
3 financial officer of the company. Tomorrow is the 1st to  
4 close. And I've never taken the client through closing yet,  
5 which is a little concerning.

6 THE COURT: What is your position?

7 THE JUROR: I'm the chief financial officer.

8 THE COURT: And what are your duties and  
9 responsibilities with respect to the client?

10 THE JUROR: She's my client. No one else in the  
11 office has knowledge of her. The rest of the team can close  
12 the other businesses, but we haven't closed her. I don't know  
13 how much time it would take. I might be able to do it over  
14 the weekend. Don't know.

15 THE COURT: All right. So would it be a hardship  
16 for you to serve on the jury because of that?

17 THE JUROR: It would be very difficult for me.

18 THE COURT: All right. Would you step over there,  
19 please. I may have further questions for you.

20 THE JUROR: Yes, sir.

21 (Juror 48 not present.)

22 THE COURT: Anything further?

23 MR. ASONYE: Not from the Government.

24 THE WESTLING: No, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Any -- is there an agreement to strike



1 her?

2 MR. ANDRES: I think we would object to excusing  
3 her. She has several clients. She said she could work on  
4 the --

5 THE COURT: No. She said she has several people who  
6 would close other clients. This client is important to her.  
7 What's your view?

8 MR. WESTLING: We have no objection to her being  
9 excused, Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: Remind me at the end. I may well excuse  
11 her if we have plenty of jurors.

12 97.

13 You may return to your seat.

14 97, please. 97.

15 THE JUROR: Right here.

16 THE COURT: Ah. All right.

17 (Juror 97 present.)

18 THE COURT: You've paid for a vacation already?

19 THE JUROR: Yes, sir.

20 THE COURT: All right. And that vacation is from  
21 when to when?

22 THE JUROR: The 25th through the 1st.

23 THE COURT: And where are you going?

24 THE JUROR: Outer Banks. We have paid for a house  
25 there, a beach house.

1 THE COURT: All right. Would you step over to one  
2 side, please?

3 (Juror 97 not present.)

4 THE COURT: Any reason not to excuse this person?

5 MR. ANDRES: We certainly expect to be done before  
6 August 25th.

7 THE COURT: Well, your case perhaps. And have you  
8 ever rented a cottage at Nags Head?

9 MR. ANDRES: I have not, Judge.

10 THE COURT: All right. If you default on that,  
11 guess what happens? I happen to know because in my previous  
12 life I owned a cottage at Nags Head and rented it. And the  
13 provisions in my lease is that if you didn't show, you paid  
14 anyway.

15 MR. ASONYE: Your Honor, we will note that we will  
16 have -- that's over three weeks from now. We will have  
17 alternates if in the worst case scenario. I think you --

18 THE COURT: I'm not going to seat somebody on the  
19 assumption that we're going to have to use an alternate.

20 This person has also indicated he's formed an  
21 opinion, is that correct?

22 MR. WESTLING: That's correct, Your Honor.

23 MR. ASONYE: I think he said he could still be  
24 impartial, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: Come back, please, sir.

1 (Juror 97 present.)

2 THE COURT: Have you already paid for the cottage at  
3 Nags Head?

4 THE JUROR: Yes.

5 THE COURT: Where in Nags Head?

6 THE JUROR: Outer Banks.

7 THE COURT: Yes, but where in the Outer Banks?

8 THE JUROR: I couldn't tell you. One of my buddies  
9 booked it. We just paid in with five different families.

10 THE COURT: All right.

11 THE JUROR: I know it's on the beach, that's it.

12 THE COURT: All right. Now, it also says in your  
13 questionnaire that you have seen and read things about this  
14 case, is that correct?

15 THE JUROR: Yes, sir.

16 THE COURT: And you formed an opinion.

17 THE JUROR: I mean, the evidence seems to point  
18 towards guilt, but I mean it's the court of law, so you have  
19 to go off the facts.

20 THE COURT: And you're an attorney?

21 THE JUROR: I am not. My wife went to law school,  
22 so the law is a prominent part of our household.

23 THE COURT: You said in your answer, the evidence  
24 points to illegal dealings with ties to Russia and obvious  
25 ties to the current administration.

1 THE JUROR: Yes, sir.

2 THE COURT: Where did you read about illegal  
3 dealings?

4 THE JUROR: CNN, AP news, Washington Post. Stuff  
5 like that.

6 THE COURT: And ties to Russia?

7 THE JUROR: Well, through the administration, yes.

8 THE COURT: All right. You also said you could put  
9 those feelings to one side, is that correct?

10 THE JUROR: Yes, sir.

11 THE COURT: Are you confident you can do that?

12 THE JUROR: Yes, sir.

13 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. You may return  
14 to your seat. Oh, tell me again when is the beginning date of  
15 your vacation?

16 THE JUROR: August 25th. We can check in that  
17 Saturday. We're there for that whole week. So as long as we  
18 make it before the end of that week, I should be good to go.

19 THE COURT: Thank you.

20 (Juror 97 not present.)

21 THE COURT: Now, you indicated in the motions for  
22 continuance, you assured me that the case would take three  
23 weeks. That's what you all said. That, of course, is the  
24 Government's case in chief. And you would have no way to know  
25 what the defense has planned for evidence, if any. And

1 they're not required to give the Court any indication at this  
2 time as to whether they intend to present any evidence, so I  
3 must assume that they may wish to present evidence.

4 I think on the indication I have that his vacation  
5 begins on the 25th, I'm going to excuse this person because I  
6 think we can't identify how long deliberations would take even  
7 if it finished after three weeks.

8 So I will excuse this person. There's no objection  
9 by the defendant.

10 MR. WESTLING: None, Your Honor.

11 THE COURT: But there is by the Government.

12 MR. ASONYE: Yes, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: I hope there will come a time when the  
14 golden rule will become evident to you.

15 94, please.

16 (Juror 94 present.)

17 THE COURT: Good morning, sir. If you'd step up  
18 here, please, sir.

19 I thought in your questionnaire you indicated that  
20 you had vacation plans for August, is that right?

21 THE JUROR: No, I do not.

22 THE COURT: Is there anything about the schedule of  
23 this case that would impose any hardship on you if you were  
24 selected to serve as a juror?

25 THE JUROR: As long as I get to go home every night,

1 I'm fine.

2 THE COURT: Yes. You noted that as long as you're  
3 not sequestered.

4 THE JUROR: Yes.

5 THE COURT: Why did you make that statement?

6 THE JUROR: I care for my parents. I cook and clean  
7 for them. So my sister is here, she can handle it, but it's  
8 not fair for me to just disappear for three weeks and leave  
9 her to do everything.

10 THE COURT: All right. If you are selected to serve  
11 as a juror, can you make alternate arrangements involving the  
12 care of your parents?

13 THE JUROR: Yes, I can.

14 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. You may step  
15 over there, if you would, please.

16 (Juror 94 not present.)

17 THE COURT: Anything further from the government on  
18 this juror?

19 MR. ASONYE: No, Judge.

20 MR. WESTLING: You Honor, he did also indicate that  
21 he formed an opinion as to guilt or innocence and noted the  
22 news is currently slanted against Manafort and any facts  
23 presented are rather bad. He noted also that he's aware that  
24 he allegedly violated the terms of his bail twice.

25 THE COURT: All right. So what do you want to know?

1 MR. WESTLING: I'd like to know whether that can be  
2 put aside, Judge.

3 THE COURT: All right. I will ask him. You  
4 shouldn't be surprised at the answer.

5 (Juror 94 present.)

6 THE COURT: Yes, sir. You indicated in your  
7 questionnaire that you had read and seen or heard things in  
8 the media about this case.

9 THE JUROR: Yes.

10 THE COURT: And that the news media seemed to be  
11 slanted against Mr. Manafort.

12 THE JUROR: Yes.

13 THE COURT: And that you had formed an opinion.

14 THE JUROR: Yes. But I know what it's like to have  
15 stories told about you. I have an opinion, but it's more  
16 important to let the person being talked about tell their  
17 story.

18 THE COURT: All right.

19 THE JUROR: That matters.

20 THE COURT: Now, what is the opinion that you have  
21 formed?

22 THE JUROR: Mr. Manafort seems kind of slimy.  
23 But -- the media basically says he's guilty, but it's hard to  
24 judge how thorough the report is. If you know something, if  
25 you're an expert in a field and ever read a news article about

1 your field, you know even when they're right, they're not  
2 necessarily right.

3 THE COURT: Do you feel you can put aside your  
4 opinions and everything you've read, put it entirely to one  
5 side and judge this case fairly and impartially only on the  
6 basis of the evidence presented and the Court's instructions  
7 on the law?

8 THE JUROR: Absolutely, sir.

9 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. You may return  
10 to your seat.

11 THE JUROR: Thank you.

12 (Juror 94 not present.)

13 THE COURT: Any further questions?

14 MR. WESTLING: No, Your Honor.

15 MR. ANDRES: No, Judge.

16 MR. WESTLING: Just to be heard on the issue of  
17 challenging for cause, obviously I'm concerned that describing  
18 Mr. Manafort as appearing slimy, that's a pretty strong  
19 opinion. It may be very difficult to put that visceral kind  
20 of reaction out of his mind.

21 THE COURT: Would it surprise you to know that most  
22 jurors in cases, particularly drug cases, firearms cases, they  
23 regard the defendant that way.

24 MR. WESTLING: That's a concern, isn't it?

25 THE COURT: Yes, it is. And that's why you have



1 preemptory challenges.

2 MR. WESTLING: Understood, Your Honor.

3 THE COURT: 121.

4 (Juror 121 present.)

5 THE COURT: Good morning. You've indicated that  
6 there's a prearrangement, in person, CMMI appraisal. I'm not  
7 sure I know what that is.

8 THE JUROR: That is I'm a federal government --

9 THE COURT: Come forward a little bit more, please.

10 THE JUROR: I'm working for a federal government  
11 contracting company and in order to serve federal contracts,  
12 cyber security, the company must be certified with the -- it's  
13 called CMMI. It's a total company operation. Like a maturity  
14 level. So this company is able to serve federal government  
15 contracts. So we have to -- the company has to recertify for  
16 that. So it's scheduled August 1st to 20th. It's in person.

17 THE COURT: All right. Are you one of a team doing  
18 this?

19 THE JUROR: Yes. It's 27 people and then two people  
20 called external and one appraiser is from outside company, the  
21 other two to three team.

22 THE COURT: So, if you're selected to serve as a  
23 juror, then your company -- what is the company?

24 THE JUROR: The name of the company is Business  
25 Computers Management Consulting.

1 THE COURT: And I take it if you're selected, then  
2 there are other persons in that company who can do this work.

3 THE JUROR: No. Because I'm the one who has the  
4 quality assurance -- the internal auditor's certificate and  
5 then this typical appraiser must get -- what's it called --  
6 education to get a certificate. So no other people has the --  
7 in charge of my duties.

8 THE COURT: Are you telling me that you are the only  
9 person who can do this work?

10 THE JUROR: There's several areas and I'm in charge  
11 of four areas. Quality assurance, quality management, and  
12 like project process quality assurance. Required management  
13 support. So those types of stuff I'm in charge of. And no  
14 other people has that certificate, internal auditor. And then  
15 training from the institution. That's why this prearrangement  
16 is from two years ago. Scheduled two years ago.

17 THE COURT: Are you an accountant?

18 THE JUROR: I used to. And I was in the banking  
19 industry. And then even now I'm working as finance director  
20 in this company.

21 THE COURT: All right. Would you stand over there  
22 please.

23 (Juror 121 not present.)

24 THE COURT: Any further questions from the  
25 Government?

1 MR. ANDRES: No, Your Honor.

2 THE COURT: From the defendant?

3 MR. WESTLING: A different issue, Your Honor, but  
4 she did make a claim in her questionnaire that she thought  
5 she'd be able to analyze the document to see if they are  
6 counterfeit.

7 THE COURT: Yes, I saw that.

8 MR. WESTLING: -- the documents to see if they are  
9 counterfeit. Which concerns me. I don't -- I don't think  
10 that she has that skill, nor do I think it should be applied  
11 in this case.

12 THE COURT: Well, that does not disqualify her from  
13 serving as a juror but it may move you to strike her for --  
14 under your peremptory challenge.

15 What I'm interested in at this point is whether I  
16 should excuse her because she says she is essential to this  
17 function that her company has. She's made a fairly clear and  
18 strong claim to being essential.

19 Any objection to my excusing her for that reason?

20 MR. WESTLING: None from the defense, Your Honor.

21 MR. ANDRES: No objection, Your Honor.

22 THE COURT: 121 is excused.

23 You may return to your seat.

24 Now, that's the final person I had in this category.  
25 I'm now going to switch to a new category. Excuse me.

1 (Discussion off the record.)

2 THE COURT: I'm going to have three more jurors come  
3 forward to talk about their affiliation with the Department of  
4 Justice, given their responses: 261, 296, and 46.

5 And after that, I will be finished with the voir  
6 dire that I intend to do. And I'll ask you whether you have  
7 any further jurors you want to be summoned to the bench here  
8 to answer questions.

9 261.

10 (Juror 261 present.)

11 THE COURT: Good morning. If you'd step up here,  
12 please.

13 Where are you employed?

14 THE JUROR: The FBI.

15 THE COURT: In what capacity?

16 THE JUROR: I'm a management program analyst.

17 THE COURT: What do you do as a management program  
18 analyst?

19 THE JUROR: I review FBI employee misconduct. And  
20 make a recommendation on what actions should be taken.

21 THE COURT: And I am going to read a list of  
22 witnesses shortly. Do you know anybody in the FBI who has had  
23 any roll or affiliated in any way with this case?

24 THE JUROR: Not that I'm aware of.

25 THE COURT: Now, there will be witnesses who testify

1 in this case who are employed by the FBI. Do you feel you  
2 could judge their testimony fairly and impartially?

3 THE JUROR: Yes.

4 THE COURT: All right. Would you stand over there,  
5 please.

6 (Juror 261 not present.)

7 THE COURT: In typical cases I don't allow FBI  
8 employees to testify in prosecutions, because the appearance  
9 is overwhelmingly adverse, as you can imagine.

10 Do you have any reason why I should allow her to sit  
11 as a juror, given that she's an employee of the FBI, and that  
12 there will be FBI agents who testify in this case?

13 MR. ANDRES: No.

14 THE COURT: Any objection to striking her?

15 MR. WESTLING: No, Your Honor.

16 THE COURT: 261 is stricken.

17 296.

18 (Juror 296 present.)

19 THE COURT: Good morning, sir. Would you stand over  
20 here, please?

21 For whom do you work?

22 THE JUROR: Power Tech Corporation.

23 THE COURT: And are you a contractor with the FBI?

24 THE JUROR: I was up until May of this year.

25 THE COURT: All right. And what did you do as a

1 contractor for the FBI?

2 THE JUROR: For that 18 months before May of this  
3 year, I worked at the -- at CyWatch developing a program to  
4 track cyber incidences. So if somebody hacks a computer or  
5 takes down the national grid, they follow up and track it.

6 THE COURT: All right. You worked for the FBI as a  
7 contractor on two occasions?

8 THE JUROR: Yes.

9 THE COURT: And was your work for the FBI on both  
10 occasions essentially the same?

11 THE JUROR: Yes. As a programmer.

12 THE COURT: All right. Do you feel that you can  
13 judge this case fairly and impartially, notwithstanding that  
14 you've been a contractor for the FBI?

15 THE JUROR: Yes, Your Honor.

16 THE COURT: Do you feel you can put to one side  
17 anything you may have seen or read or heard about this case  
18 and judge it fairly and impartially based only on the evidence  
19 and the Court's instructions on the law?

20 THE JUROR: Yes, Your Honor.

21 THE COURT: Would you stand over there, if you  
22 would, please, sir, about 20 feet.

23 (Juror 296 not present.)

24 THE COURT: Any further questions?

25 MR. ANDRES: No, Judge.

1 MR. WESTLING: No, Your Honor.

2 THE COURT: I don't -- I don't strike contractors  
3 for the FBI. That's one removed.

4 46.

5 Thank you. You may return to your seat.

6 (Juror 46 present.)

7 THE COURT: Yes. Would you come and stand up here,  
8 please.

9 THE JUROR: Sure.

10 THE COURT: For whom do you work?

11 THE JUROR: I work for the Central Intelligence  
12 Agency.

13 THE COURT: Can you tell me what you do for the CIA?

14 THE JUROR: I work in IT. I'm a manager. We -- my  
15 organization, we buy commercial software for the agency.

16 THE COURT: All right. Do you feel there's anything  
17 about your employment that would prevent or hinder you in any  
18 way from rendering a fair and impartial verdict in this case  
19 based only on the evidence and the Court's instructions?

20 THE JUROR: I don't think so, no.

21 THE COURT: You say your mother was employed by the  
22 FBI for about 30 years?

23 THE JUROR: She's getting ready to retire.

24 THE COURT: What did she do for the FBI?

25 THE JUROR: Right now she's in space planning and

1 coordination. So when people move around, renovations and  
2 stuff like that, she coordinates the people moving.

3 THE COURT: Is she an agent?

4 THE JUROR: She is not.

5 THE COURT: So she has no law enforcement  
6 responsibilities?

7 THE JUROR: She doesn't, no.

8 THE COURT: And your father is a contractor with the  
9 FBI?

10 THE JUROR: Right. He works in IT.

11 THE COURT: All right. Is he currently employed as  
12 a contractor?

13 THE JUROR: Yes. They both work at Quantico. They  
14 are both getting ready to retire in January, on January 3rd.

15 THE COURT: Do either you or your parents work  
16 directly as an FBI employee?

17 THE JUROR: My mom does. My mom is an FBI staff  
18 employee but she's not an agent. She's a -- I don't know what  
19 you call it, but...

20 THE COURT: Do you feel that having parents so  
21 employed and given your contractual relations with the FBI, do  
22 you feel you can judge this case fairly and impartially based  
23 only on the evidence and the Court's instructions?

24 THE JUROR: I believe so.

25 THE COURT: And have you formed any opinion about



1 this case?

2 THE JUROR: No.

3 THE COURT: Would you step over there about 20 feet,  
4 please.

5 (Juror 46 not present.)

6 THE COURT: Any further questions?

7 MR. ANDRES: No, Judge. Just to be clear, I don't  
8 think she has a contractual relationship with the FBI, she  
9 works for the CIA.

10 THE COURT: Oh, that's right. You're quite right.  
11 Anything further?

12 MR. WESTLING: No, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: Do you see any basis for moving to  
14 challenge her for cause?

15 MR. ANDRES: No, Judge.

16 MR. WESTLING: We would make a challenge for cause,  
17 Your Honor. The fact that her parents -- at least one parent  
18 is currently employed by the bureau, in our view, is something  
19 that could create some reason for her to think more highly of  
20 the work they do in this case.

21 THE COURT: Did I ask in the questionnaire whether  
22 they would tend to believe or disbelieve a person simply  
23 because they were a law enforcement person?

24 MR. ASONYE: Yes, you did, Your Honor.

25 THE COURT: All right. So that's a question that's

1 already been asked and answered. And she apparently said,  
2 "no."

3 I do excuse jurors who are employed -- I don't allow  
4 jurors to serve if they are employed by the law enforcement  
5 agency.

6 A parent about to retire who is not a law  
7 enforcement agency is right at the edge of that. So I will  
8 deny the motion to strike and you can use your peremptory  
9 challenge for that.

10 What number was that?

11 THE DEPUTY CLERK: 46.

12 THE COURT: All right. Now, that completes the  
13 Court's questions on the basis of the questionnaires.

14 (Discussion off the record.)

15 THE COURT: 48. That's fine. Thank you. I've  
16 already spoken to 48. And I deferred on her. Refresh me on  
17 what her situation was.

18 MR. ANDRES: Is it a vacation?

19 MR. ASONYE: 48 was the new client -- it's a  
20 question about whether she could --

21 THE COURT: The new client. It was a business  
22 situation.

23 MR. ANDRES: Yes.

24 THE COURT: All right. And your argument is that  
25 you'll be done in three weeks and it won't be a problem for

1 her.

2 MR. ANDRES: I think that was for the vacation. I  
3 think she actually -- she has an immediate issue with respect  
4 to whether other people at her firm could handle the work.

5 MR. ASONYE: She was the one who indicated she might  
6 be able to work weekends. She had multiple clients. There  
7 was one new client and getting them through some sort of  
8 closing.

9 THE COURT: But she emphasized that it was her  
10 client.

11 MR. WESTLING: Correct.

12 THE COURT: Anything else?

13 MR. WESTLING: No, Your Honor.

14 THE COURT: What's your position?

15 MR. WESTLING: We think she should be let go, Your  
16 Honor.

17 THE COURT: Why?

18 MR. WESTLING: We think the distraction of the  
19 difficulty of having a new client that needs to be handled by  
20 her firm is significant and it didn't sound like she was  
21 confident she could do the work over the weekend. I think  
22 she'll be distracted by it.

23 THE COURT: All right. Do you all have other jurors  
24 that you think should be called to the bench to answer  
25 questions?

1 MR. VAN GRACK: Yes, Your Honor. Juror number 132.

2 THE COURT: How many other than 132? Give them all  
3 to me because I'm either going to take a recess now and  
4 require you to submit the list and we'll do it. But let's get  
5 it done.

6 Anyone other than 132?

7 MR. VAN GRACK: Can we take a moment, Your Honor?

8 THE COURT: Yes. Same question to you.

9 MR. WESTLING: I think we're good, Your Honor.

10 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Asonye, I need a list of  
11 your witnesses. Have you got that?

12 MR. ASONYE: Yes, Your Honor.

13 THE COURT: May I have that, please. Thank you.

14 All right. While you are looking, I'm going to ask  
15 -- you may remain up here -- I'm going to ask this further  
16 question.

17 (Open court.)

18 THE COURT: All right. Ladies and gentlemen, thank  
19 you for your patience. It doesn't sound anymore like waves  
20 breaking gently the longer you listen to it, does it?

21 I'm going now to read a list of names to you.  
22 Listen carefully to this list, because at the conclusion I'm  
23 going to ask you whether you know or have had any business or  
24 social dealings of any kind whatsoever with any of them. And  
25 it is a list of 35 names, so listen carefully.

1 Hesham Ali.  
2 Philip Ayliff, A-y-l-i-f-f.  
3 James Brennan.  
4 John Day.  
5 Douglas DeLuca.  
6 Tad Devine.  
7 Donna Duggan.  
8 Darin Evenson.  
9 Richard Gates.  
10 Wayne Holland.  
11 Stephen Jacobson.  
12 Melinda James.  
13 Maximillian Katzman.  
14 Irfan Kirimca or Kirimca.  
15 Cindy Laporta.  
16 Kevin LaPorte.  
17 Paula Liss.  
18 Morgan Magionos.  
19 Joel Maxwell.  
20 Amanda Metzler.  
21 Peggy Miceli.  
22 Renee Michael.  
23 Matthew Mikuska.  
24 Connor O'Brien.  
25 Daniel Opsut, O-p-s-u-t.

1 Daniel Rabin, R-a-b-i-n.

2 Dennis Raico or Raico.

3 Michael Regolizio.

4 Taryn Rodriguez.

5 Gary Seferian.

6 Staci Sullivan.

7 Alex Trusko.

8 Ronald Wall.

9 Heather Washkuhn, W-a-s-h-k-u-h-n.

10 And Michael Welch.

11 Do you or any member of your family, so far as you  
12 know, know any of those individuals or have you had any  
13 business or social dealings of any kind whatsoever with any of  
14 them?

15 If you need a clarification, as to whether a  
16 particular name is a person you think it is, raise your hands  
17 and we'll get that for you by ascertaining what the person  
18 does or where that person lives.

19 All right. In the back, would you stand and give us  
20 your number, please.

21 THE JUROR: 0047.

22 THE COURT: Yes, sir.

23 THE JUROR: There's an employee with my firm named  
24 Wayne Holland.

25 THE COURT: All right. And where does Wayne Holland

1 live?

2 THE JUROR: I'm not sure, Your Honor. It would be  
3 northern Virginia area.

4 THE COURT: And what does this person at your  
5 employer do and who is your employer?

6 THE JUROR: He's a utility worker for the Upper  
7 Occoquan Service Authority.

8 THE COURT: All right. Thank you, sir. That's not  
9 the same person.

10 THE JUROR: One other, Your Honor. Michael Welch is  
11 a neighbor of mine a couple of doors down in Manassas,  
12 Virginia.

13 THE COURT: In Manassas. Thank you. That's not the  
14 person either.

15 Anyone else? Thank you.

16 (Bench Conference.)

17 THE COURT: How many do you have now?

18 MR. ASONYE: This is a list that the Government  
19 would like to call up.

20 THE COURT: And what is -- what is the purpose of  
21 calling these people up?

22 MR. VAN GRACK: A number of different bases. One or  
23 two individuals who are writers who work for the media and  
24 based on how they answered questions. We want an  
25 understanding of what they've written about and whether

1 they've written about this case or President Trump. There are  
2 also a number of individuals who in their response to what  
3 information they have about the case, provided information  
4 that --

5 THE COURT: You're going to have to be more  
6 specific. Look, I did this questionnaire because you all  
7 asked for it. Answers were given.

8 Now, you write after each one of these -- I'm going  
9 to take a recess so these people can use the men's room.

10 Write for each one what you think needs to be  
11 elicited. And if it's already in the questionnaire, don't  
12 bother me.

13 MR. ASONYE: Your Honor, may we also consult with  
14 defense counsel? We may be able to agree.

15 THE COURT: Of course.

16 MR. ASONYE: Thank you.

17 THE COURT: Of course. You may be able to agree.  
18 Yes. You may be able to agree on striking someone. That's  
19 fine with the Court.

20 MR. VAN GRACK: Thank you.

21 MR. WESTLING: Thank you, Your Honor.

22 (Open court.)

23 THE COURT: All set, Tonia? Without her, we can't  
24 proceed.

25 All right. We are nearly done but we're not quite



1 done.

2 I have some additional matters to cover, but I  
3 want -- we've been doing this for quite a while. I want to  
4 take a brief recess so that some of you can use the facilities  
5 if you need to. I need to.

6 So we will take a brief recess. It will be 15  
7 minutes. We will reconvene and finish, and then we'll proceed  
8 with the jury selection process, and I believe we will done --  
9 we will be done by one o'clock and be able to proceed. We're  
10 going to select a number of you but not all of you. So some  
11 of you will be excused as soon as we finish.

12 Again, thank you for your patience.

13 Court stands in recess until 12:30.

14 (Recess.)

15 THE COURT: All right. Ladies and gentlemen, I  
16 think we can adequately or accurately forecast that it will  
17 only be another 30 or 45 minutes at the most.

18 Thank you for this list. I take it both sides have  
19 seen it?

20 MR. ANDRES: It's the Government's list, Judge. We  
21 didn't have a chance to provide it to defense, although we  
22 notified them that we had a few additional questions.

23 THE COURT: All right. Come to the bench.

24 (Bench Conference.)

25 THE COURT: You're alone. Oh, no.

1 MR. WESTLING: I hope not.

2 THE COURT: I'm alone.

3 All right. Here is the list that I want you to see.

4 I asked the Government to tell me what they want --

5 Here is the list. I thought you would have seen  
6 this, but I understand that you have to look at it quickly,  
7 because I wanted to have the list. This was a much reduced  
8 number and I thought that it was reduced in part because you  
9 all agreed but this is it.

10 I'm going to have these jurors come to the bench and  
11 I'm going to ask them questions about these matters and that's  
12 it. Eso es todo. That's Spanish for "that's it."

13 MR. WESTLING: Thank you.

14 THE COURT: And I assume you all don't have  
15 anything.

16 MR. WESTLING: We do not.

17 THE COURT: All right. And then we'll proceed.  
18 There's one juror that I have a motion to strike for cause  
19 that I'm going to consider. That's number --

20 THE DEPUTY CLERK: 48.

21 THE COURT: -- 48. And that will be it. I will ask  
22 you again if you have any motions to strike for cause and I  
23 hope you can focus that very sharply, if there are any.

24 MR. WESTLING: Sure.

25 THE COURT: 17, please. 17.

1 (Juror 17 present.)

2 THE COURT: Right here, sir. Good afternoon.

3 THE JUROR: Good afternoon, sir.

4 THE COURT: You indicated, sir, in your  
5 questionnaire that you had some knowledge of the case. Do you  
6 recall that?

7 THE JUROR: No, sir.

8 THE COURT: Do you have any knowledge of this case?

9 THE JUROR: Only the name sounded familiar when I  
10 heard it.

11 THE COURT: All right. Have you formed any opinion  
12 about this case?

13 THE JUROR: No, sir.

14 THE COURT: Is there any reason why you could not  
15 sit as a fair and an impartial juror in this case given what  
16 you've heard about the case from me?

17 THE JUROR: No, sir.

18 THE COURT: Thank you. You may return to your seat.

19 THE JUROR: Thank you.

20 (Juror 17 not present.)

21 THE COURT: 18.

22 MR. ASONYE: Maybe it's going so quickly, we should  
23 add some more to that.

24 THE COURT: You have a death wish?

25 MR. ASONYE: No, Your Honor.

1 (Juror 18 present.)

2 THE COURT: Yes, sir. You noted in your  
3 questionnaire that you had been arrested for brandishing a  
4 firearm.

5 THE JUROR: Yes.

6 THE COURT: Was there a trial?

7 THE JUROR: No, sir.

8 THE COURT: They dropped the charge?

9 THE JUROR: Yes. I went to court. I was tried and  
10 it was expunged.

11 THE COURT: All right. Do you feel you were treated  
12 fairly by the legal system in that regard?

13 THE JUROR: Yes, sir, I do. Yes, Your Honor.

14 THE COURT: Is there any reason that suggests itself  
15 to you why you would not be able to sit as a fair and an  
16 impartial juror in this case?

17 THE JUROR: No, Your Honor.

18 THE COURT: Thank you, sir. You may return to your  
19 seat.

20 THE JUROR: Thank you, Your Honor.

21 (Juror 18 not present.)

22 MR. ASONYE: Your Honor.

23 THE COURT: Yes.

24 MR. ASONYE: We just wanted to know whether it was  
25 federal or local. I was just wondering if the U.S. Attorney's

1 office charged him.

2 THE COURT: 18. I'm sorry, would you return, sir.

3 (Juror 18 present.)

4 THE JUROR: Yes, Your Honor.

5 THE COURT: I may have misunderstood you. Were you  
6 tried in that case?

7 THE JUROR: No, sir. I'm sorry. I was not tried.  
8 We went to court and basically me and the lawyer and the other  
9 person's lawyer stood in front of the judge, and the judge  
10 said, "Is everything taken care of?" The lawyer says, "Yes,  
11 Your Honor." He said, "Okay, get out of here."

12 THE COURT: Was that in state court?

13 THE JUROR: It was in Fredericksburg. I think it's  
14 in the county, the city or county.

15 THE COURT: All right.

16 THE JUROR: Never went to trial or anything.  
17 Basically both sides agreed to dismiss everything.

18 THE COURT: All right. And I asked you whether you  
19 thought you were treated fairly.

20 THE JUROR: Yes, Your Honor. I believe I was.

21 THE COURT: You may return to your seat.

22 THE JUROR: Thank you, Your Honor.

23 (Juror 18 not present.)

24 THE COURT: 55.

25 THE CSO: 55. 55. No 55 here.

1 We found him.

2 (Juror 55 present.)

3 THE COURT: Good afternoon, sir. If you'd step over  
4 here.

5 You indicated in your responses to the questionnaire  
6 that there was political drama around the case. Let me  
7 confirm. What -- whether you formed any opinion about this  
8 case.

9 THE JUROR: I don't know much detail, just stuff I  
10 hear on the news or on the radio, just people debating about  
11 it. I haven't made up my mind one way or the other, if that  
12 helps.

13 THE COURT: Yes. Do you feel you could put to one  
14 side everything you may have seen or read or heard or know  
15 about the case and judge this case fairly and impartially  
16 based only on the evidence and the Court's instructions on the  
17 law?

18 THE JUROR: I believe I could.

19 THE COURT: And you indicated that at one point you  
20 had been run off the road by somebody?

21 THE JUROR: Yeah, a few years back I was run off the  
22 road. One of the police that showed up wanted to hit me with  
23 a losing control of the vehicle charge. I went to court over  
24 it. The judge looked at it and threw the whole thing out in  
25 like ten seconds.

1 THE COURT: All right. Do you understand that  
2 matter has nothing whatever to do with this case?

3 THE JUROR: Yes.

4 THE COURT: Do you feel you can put your feelings  
5 about that matter to one side and judge this case fairly and  
6 impartially based only on the evidence and the Court's  
7 instructions?

8 THE JUROR: Yes. That had nothing to do with this.

9 THE COURT: Thank you. You may return to your seat.

10 (Juror 55 not present.)

11 THE COURT: 58.

12 (Juror 58 present.)

13 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am. Would you stand right here,  
14 please. Good afternoon.

15 THE JUROR: Good afternoon.

16 THE COURT: You indicated in your questionnaire that  
17 your spouse works for the House of Representatives.

18 THE JUROR: Yes.

19 THE COURT: What does he do there?

20 THE JUROR: He's chief of staff for a member of  
21 congress.

22 THE COURT: And who is the member of congress?

23 THE JUROR: Congressman Steve Stivers.

24 THE COURT: From where?

25 THE JUROR: Ohio.

1 THE COURT: And what is your spouse's -- is your  
2 spouse working on any committees or involved in any kinds of  
3 investigations having to do with President Trump or the  
4 election and Russia or anything of that sort?

5 THE JUROR: No. He works in the personnel office.  
6 His boss is on the House Financial Services Committee, but  
7 he's not involved in -- I don't believe there's an ongoing  
8 investigation -- I don't believe he's involved or I at least  
9 don't know about it.

10 THE COURT: Thank you. Would you step over there  
11 for just a minute.

12 (Juror 58 not present.)

13 THE COURT: Anything further?

14 MR. ANDRES: No, Judge.

15 THE COURT: Anything further?

16 MR. WESTLING: No, Your Honor.

17 THE COURT: You may return to your seat.

18 (Juror 58 not present.)

19 THE COURT: 96.

20 (Juror 96 present.)

21 THE COURT: Yes, sir. If you'd stand right here,  
22 sir. You're an author?

23 THE JUROR: Yes, sir.

24 THE COURT: And what sorts of things do you write?

25 THE JUROR: Science fiction.



1           THE COURT: One of my favorite genres. Ever since I  
2 was a child I've enjoyed that.

3           Have you ever written anything at all about this  
4 case or the Russia investigation or anything of that sort?

5           THE JUROR: No, sir.

6           THE COURT: I'm curious, what kinds of science  
7 fiction?

8           THE JUROR: Are you familiar with Edgar Rice  
9 Burroughs?

10          THE COURT: Oh, yes.

11          THE JUROR: I write -- I have written two books  
12 based on his previous works. One is called *A Soldier of*  
13 *Poloda* in which a man was teleported to another planet where  
14 he finds he is called upon to settle a war that's been raging  
15 for over 100 years. And the second book, *Untamed Pellucidar*,  
16 the hero visits a fictional land inside the earth and becomes  
17 a leader of a prehistoric tribe and brings as much  
18 civilization as he can to that.

19          THE COURT: Interesting. Thank you. You may return  
20 to your seat, sir.

21          THE JUROR: Thank you, sir.

22          (Juror 96 not present.)

23          THE COURT: Anything further?

24          MR. ASONYE: No, Your Honor.

25          MR. WESTLING: No, Your Honor.

1 THE COURT: 132.

2 (Juror 132 present.)

3 THE COURT: Yes, ma'am. If you'd stand over here,  
4 please. Good afternoon.

5 THE JUROR: Hello.

6 THE COURT: You're a writer.

7 THE JUROR: Umm-hmm.

8 THE COURT: And you're a writer for an online  
9 publication?

10 THE JUROR: Yes. WorldNetDaily. WorldNetDaily.

11 THE COURT: WorldNetDaily. Have you written about  
12 this case or the investigation in the Russia matter?

13 THE JUROR: No.

14 THE COURT: Not at all? What sorts of things do you  
15 write on?

16 THE JUROR: Goofy things. Funny things like  
17 swimsuits. I'm a diversion columnist, so anything that I find  
18 humorous.

19 THE COURT: I think I'd like that job.

20 THE JUROR: Like the decline in American education  
21 in a humorous way.

22 THE COURT: I would like that. I would like that  
23 job.

24 THE JUROR: It's fun. You get to do a bunch of  
25 different things and divert yourself.

1 THE COURT: My older son went to a highly selective  
2 college and named his children ultimately Jacob and Sarah  
3 without the slightest idea who Jacob and Sarah were in the Old  
4 Testament.

5 THE JUROR: Oh, my goodness.

6 THE COURT: How is that for education today.

7 THE JUROR: Yeah. Well, I home schooled mine.

8 THE COURT: Good for you. Thank you.

9 (Juror 132 not present.)

10 MR. ASONYE: Your Honor --

11 MR. VAN GRACK: It appears, based on our review of  
12 the WorldNetDaily, she's written on a couple of things that  
13 are not related to this information. But there's one article  
14 she wrote that actually concerned the then-candidate Trump in  
15 the 2016 election. It makes some comments of then-candidate  
16 Clinton. There's another where she's critical of the FBI.  
17 And so I don't know if you want to simply follow up with that  
18 clarifying in terms of --

19 THE COURT: All right. If you would request that.

20 MR. ASONYE: Yes.

21 THE COURT: All right. I'll do that.

22 Do you have any objection?

23 MR. WESTLING: No, Your Honor.

24 THE COURT: May I have 132 back again, please.

25 (Juror 132 present.)

1 THE COURT: Yes. My questions weren't adequately  
2 focussed.

3 THE JUROR: Okay.

4 THE COURT: I should have asked you whether in your  
5 writing whether you had ever written anything about candidate  
6 Trump.

7 THE JUROR: Oh, yes, I have.

8 THE COURT: All right. And can you summarize or  
9 tell me in essence what you've said about him?

10 THE JUROR: I did a comedic piece between him and  
11 Ted Cruz where I made Ted Cruz out to be playing like he  
12 was -- you know the old King Kong movie? Well, when Heidi was  
13 being attacked by the media, I said that Ted Cruz was baiting  
14 Donald Trump like he was King Kong. So that he could pretend  
15 it was Heidi's figure on top of the Empire State Building, and  
16 it was like a big orchestrated thing. It was kind of funny.  
17 I got more people on my column by that than anything else.

18 THE COURT: All right. And have you written  
19 anything else you can recall about either the investigation  
20 into Russian collusion or --

21 THE JUROR: No, no. I haven't written anything.

22 I actually got carte blanché. My editor told me to  
23 go ahead and stay in politics because the superior supported  
24 Ted Cruz and didn't like my column.

25 THE COURT: All right. Would you stand over there

1 for just a moment, please.

2 (Juror 132 not present.)

3 THE COURT: Anything else?

4 MR. VAN GRACK: No.

5 THE COURT: By the way, let it be clear, Mr. Asonye,  
6 for the future, I typically only allow one lawyer to talk to  
7 me at the bench. But I've been charitable. Go ahead, sir.

8 MR. VAN GRACK: Your Honor, we have the article that  
9 she mentioned with respect to Trump and Cruz, is one of the  
10 articles. There's another article in there she writes about  
11 the terms of the presidential campaign and referring to  
12 Secretary Clinton as a leech. There's another one sort of  
13 making critical --

14 THE COURT: What do you want to know about that?

15 MR. VAN GRACK: Well --

16 THE COURT: You know, that it happened. If you have  
17 a deep concern about it, strike her. That's why you have  
18 peremptory challenges. I don't -- I am going to ask one more  
19 question of the panel as a whole. I'm going to tell them that  
20 they've heard what the case is about from me. And they've  
21 heard all the questions that I have asked. And I want to know  
22 whether there's any reason to suggest itself to any of them,  
23 why they could not sit, pay careful and close attention to the  
24 evidence as it's presented and render a fair and impartial  
25 verdict based only on the evidence and the Court's

1 instructions. That's the final question I'm going to ask.

2 Your brow is furrowed. What's your problem?

3 MR. ASONYE: Your Honor, I'm just concerned about  
4 the fact that there is going to be some evidence about  
5 candidate Trump in this trial related to the Federal Savings  
6 Bank loans. And that a juror has written what could be viewed  
7 as an inflammatory article.

8 THE COURT: The article isn't going to be admitted.  
9 So you have to decide whether having read that article,  
10 because she's already told me she can be a fair and an  
11 impartial juror. And you've got to decide whether you want to  
12 strike her for that.

13 MR. ASONYE: I think our concern is, Your Honor,  
14 there was a prior juror where Your Honor was I think  
15 appropriately concerned about whether the juror can truly put  
16 aside her feelings.

17 THE COURT: Yes, because I looked her in the eye and  
18 I was satisfied that it wasn't genuine.

19 MR. ASONYE: And I think the Government has a  
20 similar view of this juror in light of the repeated articles.

21 THE COURT: Then if I don't share that view, you  
22 have a peremptory challenge.

23 MR. ANDRES: Judge, just one other point. When you  
24 first asked her whether she wrote about the then-candidate  
25 Trump, she didn't say, Yes.

1 THE COURT: All right. You don't think she's being  
2 honest? Then strike her.

3 MR. ANDRES: If she's not been being honest with the  
4 Court, it's a basis to strike her for cause.

5 THE COURT: I don't think it is at this time. I'm  
6 not going to strike her on that basis. But I think it's ample  
7 basis for you all to strike her if you wish on a peremptory  
8 challenge.

9 Do you want me to ask her any other further  
10 questions?

11 MR. ASONYE: In light of what she's written about  
12 then-candidate Trump and it is going to come up in this trial,  
13 I would ask whether she can put that aside and in light of  
14 what she's written.

15 THE COURT: I will ask her that.

16 (Juror 132 present.)

17 THE COURT: Come back, please.

18 In the light of what you've written about candidate  
19 Trump, which you said was an attempt to be humorous, do you  
20 feel you can put all of that to one side and judge this case  
21 fairly and impartially based only on the evidence and the  
22 Court's instructions on the law?

23 THE JUROR: I think so.

24 THE COURT: Did you also write about candidate  
25 Clinton?

1 THE JUROR: Yes, I did.

2 THE COURT: And was that favorable or unfavorable?

3 THE JUROR: It was again humorous and not favorable.

4 THE COURT: Was the stuff you wrote about Trump  
5 favorable or unfavorable?

6 THE JUROR: Well, if you think being called King  
7 Kong favorable, I'm afraid so. But actually in the piece, Ted  
8 Cruz was the villain forbidding King Kong.

9 THE COURT: Well, I want to know whether in light of  
10 what you've told me you've written about, can you -- have you  
11 formed any opinion or do you have any feelings about the guilt  
12 or innocence of this defendant?

13 THE JUROR: I don't really know much about him  
14 except for when he was a part of the campaign, kind of fell  
15 off the radar for me. You know, I have my kids at home. I'm  
16 not home schooling them anymore.

17 THE COURT: So what is the answer to my question? I  
18 asked you whether you have formed any opinion --

19 THE JUROR: No.

20 THE COURT: -- or have any feelings about the guilt  
21 or innocence of this defendant?

22 THE JUROR: No.

23 THE COURT: Do you feel you can sit and pay careful  
24 and close attention to the evidence and render a fair and an  
25 impartial verdict in this case based only on the evidence and



1 the Court's instructions?

2 THE JUROR: Yes.

3 THE COURT: All right. Could you stand over there  
4 for one more time, please.

5 (Juror 132 not present.)

6 THE COURT: Anything else you want?

7 MR. ANDRES: No, Judge.

8 MR. WESTLING: Nothing, Your Honor.

9 THE COURT: All right. I'm going to ask this one  
10 last question that I've told you what it is. Is there any  
11 further voir dire at all from either side?

12 MR. ASONYE: No, Your Honor. Do you want us to move  
13 to strike now or after?

14 THE COURT: There's only one juror that's open, is  
15 that right?

16 MR. ASONYE: This juror. Right.

17 THE COURT: This juror.

18 MR. ANDRES: And 48.

19 THE COURT: And 48. Those are the two?

20 MR. ASONYE: Yes.

21 THE COURT: All right. The motion to strike this  
22 juror is denied. I don't see any basis for striking her at  
23 all. I'll think about 48 in a minute.

24 MR. ASONYE: Your Honor, to be clear, we're not  
25 moving to strike 48. I think, just to be clear, I believe

1 that the Court wanted to reserve judgment, but the  
2 Government --

3 THE COURT: All right. Do you wish 48 stricken?

4 MR. WESTLING: Ah --

5 THE COURT: As I recall, 48 was the juror who had a  
6 very important client. She was concerned about it.

7 MR. WESTLING: I think I had said previously, Your  
8 Honor, that based on her feelings about that important client,  
9 we thought it was appropriate that she be stricken.

10 THE COURT: All right. Apart from that, are there  
11 any motions to strike for cause?

12 MR. ANDRES: No, Judge.

13 MR. WESTLING: None from the defense, Your Honor.

14 THE COURT: All right. Is there any further voir  
15 dire?

16 MR. WESTLING: None from the defense.

17 MR. ANDRES: No, Judge.

18 THE COURT: All right. Then once I rule on 48, we  
19 will proceed to select by lot 12 jurors who will be called.  
20 You'll have an opportunity to exercise as many strikes as you  
21 wish against those 12. And you may reserve some or many for  
22 your alternates or none as you wish.

23 MR. WESTLING: Your Honor, just a matter of  
24 clarification. Exercising those strikes, is that a one  
25 opportunity for each side or is there a number?

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1           THE COURT: Yes. What will happen is that the court  
2 security officer -- step around here so you can hear me. The  
3 court security officer will take the board to you and on the  
4 board will be listed 12 names on the left side. If you want  
5 to strike -- and it will be taken first to the government.  
6 And then the government will have the opportunity to strike  
7 any or as many of those 12 as it has strikes. And it will put  
8 those names, those slips on the right-hand side at the bottom.  
9 And it will have noted on each one that it wants to strike,  
10 each person, a number, one, two, three.

11           Then, the board will be taken to you on the defense  
12 side. And you'll have the same opportunity.

13           Then, the deputy clerk will excuse those jurors to  
14 return to their seats in the courtroom and we'll call new  
15 jurors. Now, once a juror has survived a round, that juror is  
16 permanent. You may not go back and strike that juror.

17           Any questions?

18           MR. ANDRES: No, Your Honor.

19           MR. WESTLING: Thank you.

20           THE COURT: All right. I still have 48.

21           48.

22           (Juror 48 present.)

23           THE COURT: Yes, thank you.

24           I know from what you've told me that you consider  
25 this client that you have to work with important.

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1 THE JUROR: Yes, sir.

2 THE COURT: Let me ask you about whether if you're  
3 selected to serve as a juror, can you put that obligation to  
4 one side, let someone else do it, and serve as a juror in this  
5 case? Or, would that be a real hardship on you?

6 THE JUROR: I would love to serve on this case.

7 THE COURT: Would it be a hardship for you?

8 THE JUROR: My financial team is young.

9 THE COURT: You simply have to tell me yes or no.

10 (A pause in the proceedings.)

11 THE JUROR: It would be difficult. I don't know how  
12 you define hardship. I could work nights and weekends.

13 THE COURT: All right. Thank you. You may stand  
14 over there.

15 (Juror 48 not present.)

16 THE COURT: Anything further?

17 MR. ANDRES: No, Judge.

18 MR. WESTLING: No, Your Honor.

19 THE COURT: All right. I'm persuaded that it would  
20 be a significant hardship for her and I will excuse her. I  
21 will note that there are ample number of other eligible jurors  
22 for the parties to exercise their peremptory challenges on.

23 I frankly was a little put off by her desire to  
24 serve on this jury.

25 MR. WESTLING: You're not alone, Judge.

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1           THE COURT: All right. You may return to your seats  
2 now because I'm going to -- well, I'll have one more question  
3 and then I will proceed to have the clerk select by lot.

4           MR. ANDRES: Judge, can I ask about that?

5           THE COURT: Yes.

6           MR. ANDRES: You mentioned earlier that the  
7 courthouse may or may not be closing. I'm just wondering to  
8 make sure we have ample witnesses for this afternoon.

9           THE COURT: Well, the courthouse will close but  
10 we'll go on with the trial. It's for reasons that are not  
11 clear to me, they're going to lock the courthouse up at 5:00.  
12 So that if you're outside at 5:00, you won't get back in is  
13 what I'm told. I don't think we know why.

14          MR. ANDRES: That's fine.

15          THE COURT: And you all don't need to be concerned  
16 about that as long as your witnesses are in here. All right.

17          MR. ANDRES: Thank you.

18          THE COURT: Let's proceed.

19          (Open court.)

20          THE COURT: Again, thank you for your patience.  
21 We're close to the end of the process. Because I'm hungry.  
22 As I'm sure all of you are.

23               All right. I have one final question for all of  
24 you. I want you to raise your hand if there is anything I  
25 have told you about this case or anything in any question that

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1 I have asked causes any of you to think that you cannot sit as  
2 a fair and impartial juror in this case.

3 If there's any reason why you could not sit and pay  
4 careful and close attention to the evidence as it's presented  
5 and render a fair and an impartial verdict, based only on the  
6 evidence and the Court's instructions, if your answer to that  
7 is that there is something, I want you to raise your hand.

8 All right. The record will reflect that no hands  
9 are raised.

10 Now next, ladies and gentlemen, the deputy clerk,  
11 Ms. Pham, is going to call 12 names, selected at random, and I  
12 want you to come forward and sit in the jury box.

13 It is at this stage that the attorneys will have an  
14 opportunity to exercise their peremptory challenges. I don't  
15 anticipate this will take longer than 10 or 15 minutes. After  
16 which the bulk of you will be excused.

17 All right. Proceed, Ms. Pham.

18 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Ladies and gentlemen, as I call  
19 your number, would you please come forward and have a seat in  
20 the jury box as instructed by the court security officer.

21 Juror 0008.

22 Juror 0037.

23 Juror 0300.

24 Juror 0141.

25 Juror 0292.

1 Juror 0005.

2 Juror 0003.

3 Juror 0039.

4 Juror 0299.

5 Juror 0091.

6 Juror 0046.

7 Juror 0060.

8 (Board passed.)

9 THE COURT: Let me have counsel quickly at the bench  
10 please.

11 (Bench Conference.)

12 THE COURT: You can indicate to Mr. Manafort that he  
13 can come as well if he wishes to. He doesn't have to but he  
14 may. He has the right to be present at all proceedings  
15 involving him including bench conferences. So in the future  
16 you should advise him, as I expect you already have, that he  
17 has the right to be present at these conferences at the bench.  
18 And if he doesn't appear, I'll assume he's waived.

19 MR. WESTLING: That's fine, Your Honor. I'll make  
20 sure we double check on that.

21 THE COURT: I think one error that I made in the  
22 voir dire is that I did not identify victims B, C and D. So  
23 we don't know whether anybody out here is -- we think -- I  
24 think we know that nobody here is employed by them. But we  
25 don't know whether anyone has any financial or pecuniary

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1 interest in any of the victim banks. And that was an error of  
2 mine not to ask that.

3 I can ask -- I will ask it now and we'll take the  
4 board back and we'll see if we get any hands raised. Any  
5 objection to that?

6 MR. WESTLING: None, Your Honor.

7 MR. ASONYE: No, Your Honor.

8 THE COURT: Who are the victims? I have no idea.

9 MR. ANDRES: Bank A is not charged in one of the  
10 counts. Listed in the indictment is Genesis Capital.

11 THE COURT: Can you write this down for me, please?  
12 One is?

13 MR. ANDRES: Genesis Capital.

14 THE COURT: They don't have to be -- they have to be  
15 a victim before it's relevant.

16 MR. ANDRES: They are a victim in some regards.

17 The second one is Citizens Bank.

18 The third one is the Banc of California.

19 And the fourth one is the Federal Savings Bank.

20 THE COURT: Of what?

21 MR. ANDRES: That's just what it's called.

22 MR. WESTLING: It's based in Chicago, Judge, but  
23 it's called the Federal Savings Bank.

24 THE COURT: All right. Then it should say of  
25 Chicago. That would give it some --

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1 I should have asked these questions, but at the same  
2 time I would note you-all should have reminded me that I  
3 should have asked those questions.

4 But I think it's important. I don't want to seat a  
5 juror who has a financial or pecuniary interest in any of  
6 those organizations.

7 MR. ANDRES: Its headquarters are in Chicago, but in  
8 different places.

9 THE COURT: And you all may return to your seats.

10 MR. WESTLING: Thank you, Your Honor.

11 (Open court.)

12 THE COURT: All right. Who has the board right now?  
13 All right. You may retain it for a moment.

14 Ladies and gentlemen, I omitted to ask a question  
15 that I should have asked all of you.

16 When I read to you from portions of the indictment  
17 about allegations of bank fraud and conspiracy to commit bank  
18 fraud, I mentioned institutions B, C and D or something of  
19 that sort. I want to tell you who they are now.

20 And I want to ask whether any of you have any  
21 financial or pecuniary interest at all in any of these  
22 entities or whether any of you know any of the officers or  
23 employees of it.

24 One is Genesis Capital.

25 The next is Citizens Bank -- of what?

1 MR. ANDRES: It's just Citizens Bank, Judge.

2 THE COURT: Citizens Bank.

3 Banc of California.

4 The Federal Savings Bank headquartered in Chicago.

5 Again, do you or any member of your family, so far  
6 as you know, have any financial or pecuniary interest in any  
7 of those organizations or banks or do you know any of the  
8 officers or employees of it. If you'd raise your hands,  
9 please.

10 All right. The record will reflect that no hands  
11 are raised.

12 Let's proceed now. I think the board is now in the  
13 hands of counsel for the defendant.

14 MR. WESTLING: Correct, Your Honor.

15 THE COURT: Let's expedite. We're now I would say  
16 10 to 15 minutes away from lunchtime. And I might add, those  
17 of you who end up being selected to serve as jurors, I hope  
18 you will not hurry to slit your wrists, there is a positive  
19 side to it. The court will provide your lunches every day.  
20 Don't, however, look for the baked Alaska on the menu. You  
21 won't find it. But there will be palatable stuff on there.

22 (Board passed.)

23 THE DEPUTY CLERK: The following jurors may return  
24 to their seats in the courtroom:

25 Juror 0300.

1 Juror 0039.

2 Juror 0141.

3 Juror 0292.

4 Juror 0003.

5 Juror 0005.

6 Juror 0046.

7 THE COURT: Yes. Would you move down to the front  
8 row, please, all the way down to the left. Thank you.

9 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Again, ladies and gentlemen, as I  
10 call your number, please come forward and have a seat in the  
11 jury box as instructed by the court security officer.

12 Juror 0155.

13 Juror 0090.

14 Juror 0145.

15 Juror 0271.

16 Juror 0297.

17 Juror 0286.

18 Juror 0132. Juror 0132.

19 (Board passed.)

20 MR. WESTLING: If we could have the numbers read one  
21 more time. I apologize. We didn't keep up very well.

22 THE COURT: All right. Yes, you may do so.

23 Ms. Pham, would you read the numbers again of the --

24 THE DEPUTY CLERK: They're on the board now.

25 THE COURT: All right.

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1 MR. WESTLING: We can look at the board, Your Honor.

2 THE COURT: Well, that's all right. Let's -- let's  
3 call them. Hand the board back to Ms. Pham, please.

4 You haven't moved any yet, have you?

5 MR. ANDRES: No.

6 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

7 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Again, the juror numbers that  
8 were just called:

9 Juror 0155.

10 Juror 0090.

11 Juror 0145.

12 Juror 0271.

13 Juror 0297.

14 Juror 0286.

15 And juror 0132.

16 (Board passed.)

17 THE COURT: Let's expedite, counsel, if we can.

18 (Pause in the proceedings.)

19 THE COURT: Let's expedite, counsel, if we can.

20 THE DEPUTY CLERK: The following jurors may return  
21 to their seats in the courtroom:

22 Juror 30 -- I'm sorry. Juror 0132.

23 Juror 0297.

24 Juror 0286.

25 Juror 0155.

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1 Juror 0090.

2 Juror 0271.

3 THE COURT: Would you come and sit around in the  
4 first row, please.

5 Thank you very much.

6 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Again, ladies and gentlemen, as I  
7 call your number, would you please come forward and have a  
8 seat in the jury box as instructed by the court security  
9 officer.

10 Juror 0094.

11 Juror 0058.

12 Juror 0115.

13 Juror 0122.

14 Juror 0009.

15 Juror 0302.

16 (Board passed.)

17 THE COURT: Let's expedite, counsel.

18 (Continues.)

19 THE DEPUTY CLERK: The following jurors may return  
20 to their seats in the courtroom:

21 Juror 0058.

22 Juror 0094.

23 Juror 0122.

24 Again, ladies and gentlemen, as I call your number,  
25 please come forward and have a seat in the jury box as

1 instructed by the court security officer.

2 Juror 0310.

3 Juror 0018.

4 Juror 0082.

5 (Board passed.)

6 THE COURT: Let's move it along, counsel.

7 (Continues.)

8 MR. DOWNING: Your Honor, would you yell "bingo" at  
9 the end of the next round?

10 THE COURT: Say again?

11 MR. DOWNING: Would you yell "bingo"? We feel like  
12 we're playing Bingo here.

13 THE COURT: I'm looking forward to saying "recess"  
14 for lunch.

15 THE DEPUTY CLERK: The following jurors may return  
16 to their seats in the courtroom:

17 Juror 0018.

18 Juror 0310.

19 Again, ladies and gentlemen, as I call your name or  
20 your number, would you please come forward and have a seat in  
21 the jury box as instructed by the court security officer.

22 Juror 0159.

23 Juror 0017.

24 (Board passed.)

25 THE DEPUTY CLERK: The following juror may return to

1 their seat in the courtroom:

2 Juror 0159.

3 Again, ladies and gentlemen, as I call your number,  
4 would you please come forward and have a seat in the jury box  
5 as instructed by the court security officer.

6 Juror 0096.

7 (Board passed.)

8 THE DEPUTY CLERK: The following juror may return to  
9 their seat in the courtroom:

10 Juror 0096.

11 Again, ladies and gentlemen, as I call your number,  
12 would you please come forward and have a seat in the jury box  
13 as instructed by the court security officer.

14 Juror 0276.

15 THE COURT: The board will be available for you  
16 later, if you want to look at it.

17 MR. ANDRES: Thank you, Judge.

18 (Continues.)

19 THE COURT: All right. Now --

20 (Discussion off the record.)

21 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Ladies and gentlemen, as I call  
22 your number, would you please come forward and have a seat in  
23 the jury box as instructed by the court security officer.

24 Juror 0296.

25 Juror 0054.

1 Juror 0127.

2 Juror 0133.

3 (Board passed.)

4 THE COURT: Mr. Flood, you may show them the board  
5 once again. Just show them the board.

6 All right. You may now administer the oath to the  
7 jury.

8 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Would the defendant please rise  
9 and face the jury.

10 Jurors, would you now stand and raise your right  
11 hand. After the oath is administered, respond by stating, "I  
12 shall".

13 (Jury sworn.)

14 THE DEPUTY CLERK: Thank you. You may be seated.

15 THE COURT: All right. Ladies and gentlemen, I'm  
16 now able to excuse the remainder of you. I again want to  
17 thank you for your patience. Your presence today was  
18 necessary. We could not have proceeded without you. And so  
19 for that, we thank you.

20 You're free now to depart and I will ensure that  
21 you're not soon called again. Thank you for your service  
22 today.

23 (Jury panel members not seated excused.)

24 THE COURT: Now, ladies and gentlemen, I'm not going  
25 to give you the usual preliminary instructions, because it's



1 lunchtime. We're going to have lunch first.

2           When you return from lunch, you'll be given booklets  
3 to take notes. You may take as many or as few notes as you  
4 wish. It's entirely up to you.

5           And importantly, no one will look at these books but  
6 you. At each recess, the court security officer, Mr. Flood,  
7 will take custody of them and maintain their security. And I  
8 assure you he can do that.

9           At the end of the case, you'll have the books to  
10 take home with you and to do with you as you wish. But again,  
11 no one is going to look at these books in the interim. I  
12 won't, I will not, and neither will Mr. Flood or anyone else.  
13 And again, you may take as many or as few notes as you wish.

14           During this luncheon recess you are not to discuss  
15 this case with anyone or to allow anyone to discuss it with  
16 you.

17           If anyone tries to speak to you about the case, stop  
18 them, and call that to the Court's attention promptly. You  
19 may not discuss the matter with anyone.

20           Don't undertake any research on your own. I used to  
21 be able to say don't look up anything in books but no one does  
22 that anymore. I'm probably the only one in the courtroom who  
23 does that. But don't use any electronic device to look up  
24 anything. Don't look up any of the lawyers, the defendant, or  
25 myself or any court personnel.

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1           You're not to do any research at all because you're  
2 to decide this case solely based on the evidence presented  
3 here and the Court's instructions on the law.

4           Now not today, but tomorrow and the days after, your  
5 lunch will be supplied. Mr. Flood will give you a menu. And  
6 as I've said, don't look for the baked Alaska, but I think you  
7 will find other choices that will be entirely suitable and  
8 palatable.

9           All right. You may now -- and, Mr. Flood, take them  
10 out that way. It is now -- I have 1:57, is that correct?

11           All right. We will reconvene at 2:45 at which time  
12 there will be preliminary instructions, then there will be  
13 opening statements by counsel, and we'll proceed with taking  
14 the evidence in the case.

15           Thank you again for your patience and your  
16 participation thus far. You may follow Mr. Flood out.

17           Mr. Flood, see if you can take them down, convene --  
18 see if you can accompany them and get them down stairs.  
19 There's a crowd out there. Find another elevator or do  
20 something if you would, please, to facilitate their going  
21 downstairs .

22           (Voir dire ended.)

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